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CABINET SHOCKED BY MR. SNOWDEN.

A PLAIN ANSWER TO A STORM OF GOVERNMENT CRITICISM.

THE SOCIALIST POLICY.

Mr. Philip Snowden's challenging statement on the Balfour Note and Allied Debts outraged the feelings of the Cabinet, and three Ministers, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and Mr. Winston Churchill castigated the Labour spokesman's reckless remarks.

The War Minister said that the Balfour Note was an unchallengeable principle embodied in Articles in the French and Italian settlements. It was surely wrong for the Labour Party to threaten to repudiate the principle on which every step towards European peace had been taken.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was challenged to say whether repudiation was the official Labour policy.

Mr. Snowden was rather surprised by the impression gathered from his speech, and rather amused by the nature of the Government criticism. He asked if anyone of them imagined that the settlements would remain unchanged in the next thirty years.

He referred to the jibe that the Labour Party is a friend of every country but their own, adding: "I am sufficient of an Englishman not to be content to see my country and my people bled white for the benefit of countries more prosperous than ourselves."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald supported his colleague, but made it clear that repudiation was never in their minds. He thought the settlement with the United States was bad financially and politically, but until it was changed by mutual consent, the Labour Party would pay every farthing.

ALL ROUND CANCELLATION URGED.

London, Apr. 17.

The House of Commons was again crowded to-day in anticipation of an answer by the Government to Mr. Philip Snowden's attack on the war debts settlements and the doctrine of the Balfour Note.

Mr. Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government of 1924, was particularly severe in respect of the agreement with France.

The subject of Mr. Snowden's declaration was taken up by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Minister for War, who first dealt with figures quoted by Mr. Snowden purporting to show that the United States had extracted from France and Italy better terms than had Britain. The Minister pointed out that these were merely lump sums—the total of all annual payments to be made year by year over a period of sixty-two years without any regard for the time of payment.

Most Serious.

"Now I come," Sir Laming went on, "to the most serious aspect of Mr. Snowden's speech, and I want to be very careful to pick my words."

"We were all greatly surprised and startled yesterday by the statement which Mr. Snowden made, that he and his party would, if returned to power, hold themselves free to repudiate the fundamental principle of the Balfour Note, namely that Great Britain should take no more from Europe by way of war debt payments and reparations than she requires to pay her own obligations to the United States."

"That principle has been, for seven years, the foundation of the treatment of European debt problems by every Government that has held office."

Wanton and Reckless.

"It would surely be a wanton and reckless act, in no way called for by anything that has occurred, for Mr. Snowden and his party now to threaten to repudiate the principle upon which every forward step towards European reconstruction and peace has been taken."

"If such a declaration were persisted in, and the peoples of Europe were led to believe that the policy aimed at was to obtain larger payments of debts and re-

parations than were required for our payments to the United States, the utmost injury would be done not only to British interests but to the wider interests of world peace."

He believed, he added, that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was speaking later in the debate, and he would ask him formally whether he accepted and endorsed the declaration of Mr. Snowden and if it constituted the official policy of the Labour Party.

Mr. Snowden Stands Pat.

The master of the bombshell, Mr. Snowden, rising, said he was surprised that any observations of his should be the subject of Cabinet discussion and Cabinet memorandum presented to the House.

"I decline to make any apology for what I said yesterday. I don't intend to withdraw a single word of it. I must express my surprise at the prominence and attention that has been given to my remarks for it was by no means the first time I have made that statement in the House of Commons."

He said that the policy of the Labour Party regarding debt settlement had often been stated.

All Round Cancellation.

It was that they would favour all round cancellation of debt and reparations, and that policy was enunciated in the concluding sentences of Lord Balfour's Memorandum, which he proceeded to quote.

It was not that part of the Balfour Note that he attacked yesterday. It was to the other part of the Note, which said that if all round cancellation could not be secured, we should put the burden on ourselves for the benefit of our Continental neighbours, that the Labour Party were opposed and always had been opposed.

The Labour Party had been taunted with being the friends of every country but their own.

An Englishman.

"I am sufficient of an Englishman," declared Mr. Snowden, "not to be content to see my country and my people bled white for the benefit of other countries who are far more prosperous than ourselves."

He recalled the words he used yesterday and asserted that there was not a word there about the repudiation of the debt agreements.

As to the circumstances which were likely to arise when they

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SOMERSET MEN SENTENCED.

THREE MONTHS FOR JADE THEFTS.

"LET DOWN THE WHOLE WHITE RACE"

REBUKED BY BENCH.

Private William Hayne and Private William MacDonald, of the Somerset Light Infantry whose sensational theft at a jewellery shop in Queen's Road Central last night resulted in their appearance at the Police Court this morning, were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour by the Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

In sentencing the two soldiers, Mr. Hamilton stated that the least he could do was to send them to prison for three months.

"I can only suppose," his Worship said, "that you want to get out of the Service, but that is not the way to do it. You not only let down your own Regiment, but need not dwell on that aspect—but you also let down the whole of the white race in the Colony. It is a serious case. You will both go to prison for three months with hard labour."

Plan of Guilty.

When they were arraigned before the Magistrate this morning, both prisoners pleaded guilty.

Prior to the hearing of the case, Inspector Murphy asked Mr. Hamilton whether he or Major Wilson would take it and Mr. Hamilton said he would do so, asking at the same time whether there was an officer of the Regiment present. The Inspector replied that the soldiers' Company Commander was in Court, and Mr. Hamilton asked that he should meet him in his chambers. This was done, and the Somersetshire Regiment officer afterwards took his seat on the Bench with the Magistrate.

The two soldiers were charged with unlawfully breaking a shop window at the Lung Shing Jewellery Store, at 48, Queen's Road Central, and with stealing articles valued at \$320, consisting of a box containing two jade articles and a jade head necklace.

Pleading guilty both defendants said they had nothing to say. Exhibited in the Court were the stolen articles and also two "swaggers" (cane and a piece of plate glass). One of the "swaggers" canes was heavily loaded but bore the Regiment crest.

Compensation Question.

Inspector Murphy asked the Court if anything could be done in the matter of compensating the owner of the shop for the damage done to his shop window.

The Magistrate replied that he had no funds to do so. Mr. Hamilton thought it quite possible that the Regiment would reimburse the owner of the shop.

It appears that last night, while passing the jewellery store, both the accused suddenly raised blows on the plate glass window with their "swaggers" canes and smashed the glass, enabling themselves to insert their hands and remove the box containing the jade articles.

Apparently the window had been smashed by the "swagger" cane of Private Hayne, which was loaded, the other being the regulation type of cane and of too flimsy a nature to have broken the heavy window.

Necklace Snatched.

A foki, hearing the drash, and seeing two soldiers running away, immediately gave chase, with the result that the two men were ultimately apprehended by the police. One of the men had also snatched a pearl necklace of considerable value, but in his haste the fragile jewellery broke in his hands and the pearls were strewn inside the window.

The arrest of the men effected by plain-clothes officers who joined in the general hue-and-cry which was raised, one of the soldiers being cornered in an alleyway with a cut de sac on the north side of the Dollar Steamship Company's office. The second accused was run to earth in Des Vaux Road near Whiteaway, Laidlaw's.

When arrested, the stolen articles were found in their possession, and, when questioned, after being cautioned at the Central Police Station, they merely stated that they had nothing to say at all.

FINANCE INQUIRY DEMANDED.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD PILLORIED.

ATTACKS IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Apr. 17.

A startling development arising from the repeated warnings to share speculators by the Federal Reserve Board; and more particularly from the recent decisions of the Board in relation to the Stock Market, is interesting official Washington.

Mr. Reid, a member from Illinois, has introduced a resolution to the House of Representatives, demanding that there be a widespread investigation of the Federal Reserve Board's activities and policies during the past ten years. He demands that a thorough enquiry be held and that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Mellon, Mr. Owen D. Young, Mr. Roy A. Young and other leaders of finance be summoned as witnesses.

Mr. Loring Black of New York, challenged the Board's right to restrict credit for speculative purposes and roundly condemned the Board for its arbitrary actions. He declared that the extension in securities sold on the Stock Market merely represented American business expansion.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH GENERAL KILLED.

TRAGIC FALL OVER CLIFF IN FRANCE.

SERVICE IN THE EAST.

London, Apr. 17.

Major-General Sir William Birkbeck, who was Director of Remounts at Army Headquarters from 1912 to 1920, has been killed at St. Brice, near Dinard.

He lost his footing on the top of the cliffs and fell over one hundred feet to the rocks below.—*British Wireless.*

Major-General Sir William Henry Birkbeck, K.C.B., was born on April 8th, 1863. He entered the Army (Dragon Guards) in 1883 and during his military career saw considerable service.

He served at Hissar in 1888, at Chin Lushai in 1889-90, and in the South African War in 1900. He was attached to the Japanese Third Army in Manchuria in 1905, and from 1906 to 1911 was Commandant of the Cavalry School at Netheravon. He retired in 1920. His decorations included the Order of the Rising Sun, Third Class.

AIRCRAFT "MERGER" IN THE STATES.

LINKING UP OF TWO BIG COMPANIES.

New York, Apr. 17.

A deal linking up two of the largest air transportation companies in the United States was concluded yesterday when the United Aircraft and Transporting Company acquired 50,000 shares of the Aviation Corporation of the Americas, with representation on the latter's board.

Over \$3,000,000 was involved in the sale. The first-named company controls the Pacific Air Transport Company while the latter owns the Pan-American Airways and all important operating companies controlling many thousands of miles of airways in North America and Central America.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE KING.

WEATHER INTERFERES WITH OUTING.

London, Apr. 17.

H.M. the King passed another good day. His Majesty spent the whole morning sitting and walking in the grounds of Craigwell House and the Queen accompanied the King when he walked through the grounds.

The King had hoped to go out again this afternoon, but a thick smog developed during lunch and prevented His Majesty from again going out.—*British Wireless.*

BIG CONTRACT TO HONGKONG.

CANTON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

JARDINE TENDER OF \$225,000 ACCEPTED.

RAPID FILTRATION.

Various reconstruction schemes are now being carried through in Canton, demonstrating that a spirit of enterprise is animating those in charge of municipal affairs. Fine new maloes are being built, whilst good progress is being made with the introduction of the automatic telephone system.

Big improvements are also being made to the waterworks system, in which connexion a substantial contract has been secured by one of Hongkong's leading British firms.

In this latter connexion, we are informed that Dr. Wu Pak-hang, the Commissioner of the Canton Municipal Waterworks, and the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Wan-koi, have recently signed a con-

FOREIGNERS IN PERIL AT CHANGTEH.

Naval Men Endeavouring To Reach City.

SHALLOW DRAUGHT TUG.

Hankow, Apr. 17.

Foreigners in Changteh are again threatened according to a report from Changsha. A shallow draught tug, manned by a party of men from H.M.S. Widgeon and accompanied by the Consul at Changsha, is now endeavouring to evacuate foreign residents at Changteh.

It is hoped that the rise in water will allow the tug to reach Changteh in two days.—*Naval Wireless.*

tract with the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., Hongkong, for a Paterson patent rapid filtration plant capable of dealing with 10 million gallons of water per day.

The plant consists of three pulsometer electric driven low lift pumps, each with a capacity of five million gallons per day, two to be working and one to act as a standby.

The raw water will be taken from the Canton River at Tsang Poo, about six miles from the city of Canton, and will be pumped into the Paterson patent rapid precipitation tanks which will deal with the solids and mud in suspension in the water.

Similar to Shing Mun.

The water is then passed on to a battery of 16 Paterson rapid gravity filter beds of a similar type to those recently installed at the Shing Mun Valley filter beds for the Hongkong Government, and before it is pumped into the city, chlorine gas is administered by a Paterson patent chlorinator which destroys all bacteria that may be present in the water.

The total cost of the pumps and mechanical equipment for the rapid precipitation tank and rapid gravity filters is approximately 2½ lakhs of Hongkong dollars. The scheme adopted was proposed by the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., to Mr. R. Chan Johnson, late Managing Director of the Canton Water Supply Co., Ltd.; before the waterworks were taken over by the Municipality.

Hongkong Plant Impresses.

When Dr. Wu Pak-hang took over the control of the Waterworks, the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., through the courtesy of the Hongkong Water Authority, arranged for him and his officials to visit the Government filter beds at Shing Mun Valley and Bowen Road. They were impressed by the compactness and efficiency of this type of filter, which they considered would be equally suitable for Canton.

We understand that the above contract is only the first of a scheme which will eventually con-

CHAMBERLAIN AND MUSSOLINI.

GENERAL EUROPEAN OUTLOOK REVIEWED IN TALK.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

London, Apr. 17.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked to give the substance of his recent conversations with Signor Mussolini at Florence. He said:—"Having decided, for personal reasons to spend Easter week at Florence, I asked His Majesty's Ambassador to inform Signor Mussolini of my intention and to say what pleasure it would give me to see him again, if, as I thought possible, he himself were to be in the neighbourhood."

"Signor Mussolini, who was spending a few days at Forlì, was good enough to motor over to spend time with me. This was the fifth occasion on which we have met, including our first meeting at Rome in 1924, and I welcomed it as giving me another opportunity for such an exchange of views with him as I habitually have with other Foreign Ministers at Geneva."

"No special importance attached to the meeting, and no subjects were proposed for discussion at it, but, as was natural, we passed in review the general European situation as well as the relations between our two countries, which are, happily, of a most cordial character."

"It will not be forgotten that Great Britain and Italy are guarantors of the Treaty of Locarno and have thus a common interest in the maintenance of peace and the promotion of good relations among all signatories of that Treaty."—*British Wireless.*

SMALLPOX SCARE IN ENGLAND.

EXPLANATION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

NO SIGN OF EPIDEMIC.

London, Apr. 17.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, informed the House of Commons this afternoon that the French Government had decided to suspend the vaccination order which was to have come into force immediately. He stated that the French Government had been given details regarding the very restricted character of the smallpox outbreak.

All the cases were now isolated in hospital and as the period of incubation for the disease was over, there was no reason to anticipate any further cases nor was there anything to indicate that the disease was of a virulent type.

A meeting to discuss the question was being arranged between British and French representatives.

The infection first reached this country on a steamship arriving at Glasgow from the East on April 1st. Out of 1,589 passengers and crew, only forty-four small pox cases occurred and these are all in hospital. Vigorous measures have been taken by the health authorities to eliminate the danger and there has been nothing in the nature of an epidemic.—*British Wireless.*

GERMANY'S LATEST CRUISER.

STIRRING ADDRESS BY HER CAPTAIN.

Wilhelmshaven, Apr. 17.

The new cruiser Konigsberg has been placed in commission, under the command of Captain Von Rotha.

The occasion was one of great rejoicing and Captain Von Rotha made a stirring address to the crew of the new ship recalling the deeds of her two predecessors during the war.—*Reuter.*

vert the whole of the existing slow sand filter beds to the rapid type. When this scheme is completed the Canton water supply will compare very favourably with the water systems in use in the large cities of Europe and America.

HONGKONG GIFTS FOR MINERS.

SUBSTANTIAL SUMS TO HAND TO-DAY.

ENGINEERS' INSTITUTION AND DOCK DANCE.

OVER \$600 IS ADDED.

We have the utmost pleasure to-day in acknowledging further substantial contributions to the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families. To-day's donations total \$603, thus bringing the sum so far received by the Telegraph to nearly \$7,500 and £2 15s.

From the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong comes a cheque for \$303. This represents the result of a subscription list opened at the Institution on behalf of the Fund, and we tender our sincere thanks to the members for the generous manner in which they have responded. Their donation is most welcome.

Another substantial sum is to hand from the Hon. Secretary of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, this being a cheque for \$800, the result of the recent dance held in aid of the Fund. This function was admirably arranged, and the enthusiasm and energy of those in charge has resulted in all expectations being exceeded. We desire to express our warmest thanks for this splendid gift.

Total To Date.

The sum so far received by the Telegraph is as follows:

Already acknowledged ..	\$3,887.00.
& £2 15s.	
Engineers and Shipbuilders Institution ..	\$303.00.
Kowloon Dock Dance ..	\$800.00.
Total ..	£2 15s. and \$7,490.00.

In forwarding the cheque from the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Mr. J. C. Brown, the Hon. Secretary, writes as follows:

"I have very much pleasure in forwarding to you a cheque for \$800.00, being the proceeds from a dance in aid of the Distressed Miners which was held in the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club Rooms on Wednesday, April 10th. Please include this sum in your Subscription List for the Distressed Miners' Fund."

"The dance was a great success, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Club Rooms were decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion and about two hundred and thirty people took full advantage of the very fine music supplied by La Symphonique Dance Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Swetland. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. J. McKelvie."

Thanks Expressed.

"The Committee tender their most sincere thanks to the following for the assistance rendered towards making the evening so successful:

"To the Hongkong Telegraph, for supplying all tickets, posters and advertising free; to La Symphonique Dance Orchestra, who gave their services free; to Messdames J. C. Brown, and J. McKelvie, who made all the arrangements for catering, etc.; to the Ladies of Kowloon Docks, for supplying all cakes, sandwiches, tea, sugar and milk free; to A. S. Watson & Co. who purchased a book of 50 tickets; to Messrs. J. Kempton and W. Greig, who assisted at the door, and to all those who so kindly purchased tickets for the dance."

Closing Date.

The Telegraph Fund closes on the 29th instant, in order that the final draft may be cabled home in time for inclusion in the Lord Mayor's Fund, which is being closed on the following day.

All sums sent in before that date will be doubled as a result of the Home Government's grant on the £ for £ basis to the Fund. Further donations will be most welcome, in which connexion we should like to see the Hongkong total reach as nearly \$10,000 as possible. Who will help to swell the Fund to this amount?

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FUNCTION AT ENGINEERS' & SHIPBUILDERS' INSTITUTE.

Deep regret at the impending departure of Mr. S. Baker, former chief engineer of the China Sugar Refinery, was expressed at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders last evening, when Mr. Baker was made the recipient of a handsome presentation, and carried away with him the best wishes of his friends.

There were over 50 members present, and Mr. Baker very feelingly acknowledged the presentation, which took the form of a cigar case and a cheque. He said he would always personally treasure it, and affectionately think of his old friends. As far as the very handsome cheque was concerned, he could only say that he would let his wife and family try to express to the members their appreciation.

The President of the Institution, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, paid a glowing tribute to the services which Mr. Baker had rendered to the Institution during the 32 years of his membership. It was mainly due to Mr. Baker, said the President, that the deficit of 20 years ago, which amounted to some \$400, had been transformed into a surplus of \$50,000. That was no mean achievement. The circumstances under which Mr. Baker was leaving were unfortunate, but Mr. Baker could not be blamed for that. All the members sympathized with him, in all sin-

cerity. They realized what they owed to him, and Mr. Baker would carry away with him their very best wishes for the future.

The Presentation.

Mr. W. J. Stokes, a former President, made the presentation. He said that by the courtesy of the President he was permitted to do what he was unable to do at the annual general meeting, and it was with very mixed feelings that he accepted the privilege. They all felt the deepest regret at the thought that, after next Saturday, they would not see the cheery smile of Mr. Baker again, nor would they be able to avail themselves of the intimate knowledge of the business of the Institution which Mr. Baker had gained during the 32 years of his experience. That period had been one of real hard work and self-denial for the benefit of all who were privileged to call themselves members.

Circumstances which neither Mr. Baker nor the members of the Institution could control, said Mr. Stokes, made it imperative that they should say "good-bye" to their old friend. But they could not do so without making it definitely clear what a great debt of gratitude they owed to their old friend. Therefore they had endeavored to put their thoughts into formal—but inadequate—words in a document which was their hearty expression of the very high regard in which they held Mr. Baker. Their more intimate feelings of goodwill they expressed in the little present which they asked Mr. Baker to accept with the most sincere good wishes of all.

Concluding, Mr. Stokes, on behalf of the members assembled,

wished Mr. Baker "jolly good luck."

Illuminated Address.

An illuminated address was then presented to Mr. Baker, which read:

On your departure from the Colony and your consequent severance of your active participation in the affairs of the Institution, the Managing Committee on behalf of the members, desire to place on record their high appreciation of the valued services which you have rendered during the 32 years of your membership to which is attributable, in no small degree, the solid basis on which the Institution now stands. By your cordiality and wholehearted interest you have endeavored yourself to everyone who has been privileged to associate with you, and we take leave of you with the sincerest regret. We trust that good health and long life will attend you in the new sphere to which your activities call you.

Mr. Baker, in replying, was visibly moved. He said that only as far back as 1920 the members of the Institution had made a presentation to him, following on his term of office as honorary secretary. Here he was again, in 1929, receiving another presentation—unfortunately a parting gift. He did not want to leave his old friends, but circumstances compelled it. Acknowledging the gift of a silver cigar box, a cheque and the illuminated address, he could only say that he would leave Hongkong for good on Saturday with the same wonderful opinion of the members of the Institution he has always held. From the bottom of his heart he thanked them.

NO LICENCE.

PORTUGUESE MOTOR CYCLIST SUMMONED.

Summonses were heard before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon against A. Graca, for driving a motor-cycle without a licence and for failing to notify the police of a change in ownership of the machine.

Inspector Nicoll, in charge of the Traffic Office, said that on the 23rd of last month, while on patrol in Victoria Road, from Pokfulam towards Kennedy Town, he saw motor-cycle No. 49 coming from the opposite direction, and signalled to the defendant, who was driving the machine, to stop. He asked him to produce his licence, but this he failed to do, informing witness that he had bought the machine from a Mr. May a month previously.

Defendant told the Magistrate that he took over the machine from Mr. May in order to try it out during the latter's absence from the Colony. The cycle did not then, or now, belong to him. He did not recall the exact words he used in informing the Inspector of the position, but he did remember having said that he took over the machine from Mr. May.

Noticing that the defendant spoke but imperfect English, his Worship observed that perhaps there had been a misunderstanding through defendant's choice of words. His Worship dismissed the summons on this count, but fined defendant \$5 on the summons for lacking a licence.

NEW CANTON MALOO.

TO CONNECT TUNGSHAN WITH TAISHATAU.

At the direction of Mr. Lam Wan-ko, Chairman of the Canton Municipal Council, plans have been completed for the construction of a maloo to run from Taishatau to Tungshan, offering an alternative and shorter means of access to that suburb to the present route through Wai Oi Maloo and Pak Tse Road. Estimates place the cost of building at \$29,000, and this is to be provided out of the funds held for maloo repair work. Should this fund prove insufficient, the Municipal Council is to consider other ways of raising money to meet the cost of construction.

The proposed maloo is to run from the east side of the Canton-Kowloon Railway Station at Taishatau to the public park in Tungshan, passing along the south side of the railway line and Mao Chin Street in Tungshan. This maloo will be thirty feet wide, and it is proposed to use bituminous surfacing. Two creeks cross the route of this new maloo, but these are to be reclaimed so that it will not be necessary to build bridges.

The maloo will be about 4,000 feet long. The estimates of the cost of construction include provision for compensation to land owners whose properties may have to be resumed for the road. It has been decided that a definite price per cheng will be paid in all land resumptions where houses have to be demolished, but two storied structures will not be touched for the time being.

PIRATE FEARS.

AN ARMED GANG AT BIAS BAY.

The Hongkong Police have received information as follows:

A former military commander has established himself at Bias Bay, with about 500 men, all armed with modern weapons, for the purpose of piracy and robbery.

A large quantity of cloth, stolen from an unknown pirated ship, was recently sold openly.

A pirate leader named Lam Teol, age about 43 years, native of Fan Lo Kong, has established relations with the bandit gang mentioned above, and these men will probably attempt a piracy in the immediate future.

Had Malaria Nine Months.

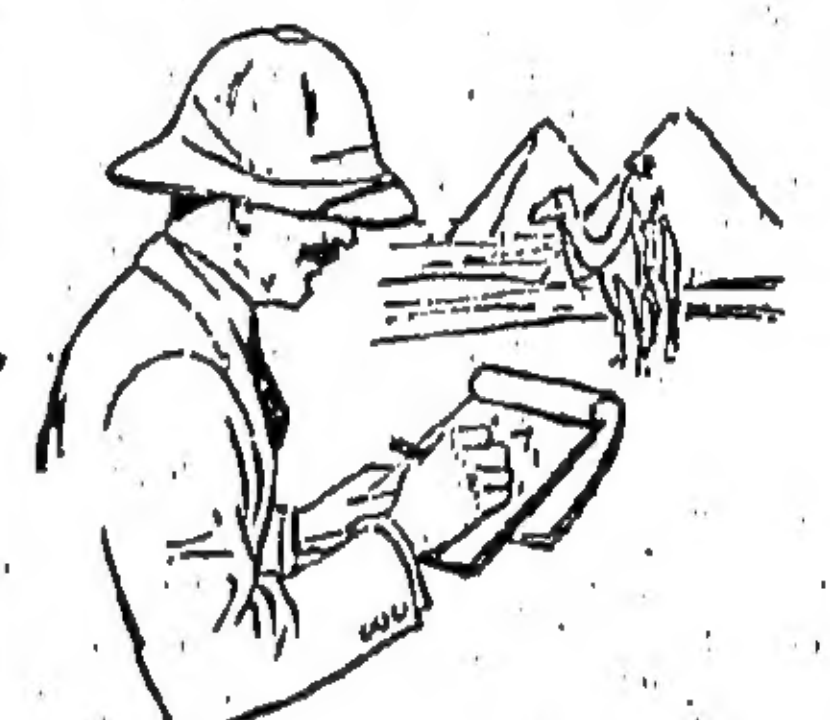
Another Cure In Ceylon By Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

There is no disputing facts. That the rich red blood made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills overcomes the germs of malaria has been proved over and over again by incontestable testimony. Read the evidence of Mr. W. J. Ekanayaka, a Government employee residing at Waragoda, Kulanaya, Ceylon.

"Some years ago I fell victim to malaria while making a tour on business," states Mr. Ekanayaka. "The fever attacks were recurrent and made me very weak. For about nine months I was trying various medicines in the hope of getting the malaria out of my system but they had little or no effect."

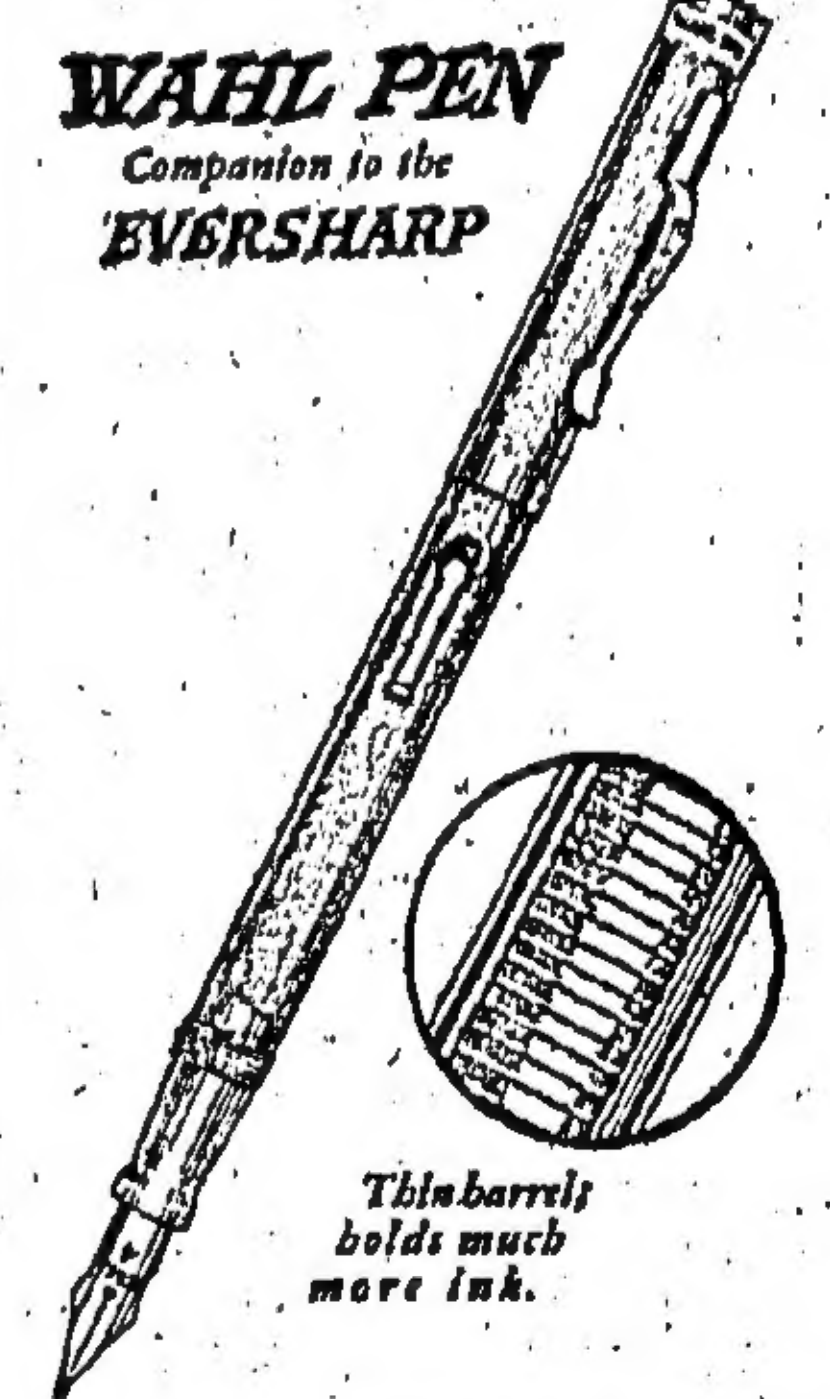
"One day a little book came into my hands wherein I read of cases of malaria having been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and thus was led to try this remedy. After the first bottle my temperature improved and I found my appetite returning. So I continued restored. Ever since then I have kept good health, so from my own experience I can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a cure for malaria."

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Our picture was taken after the marriage of Miss Lucy Macfarlane Woods and Mr. George P. Buttordge, in Shanghai recently. The bridegroom is a well-known resident of Shanghai.



Mr. S. Hore, a Shanghai Boy Scout enthusiast, photographed in front of his tent at the recent camp.



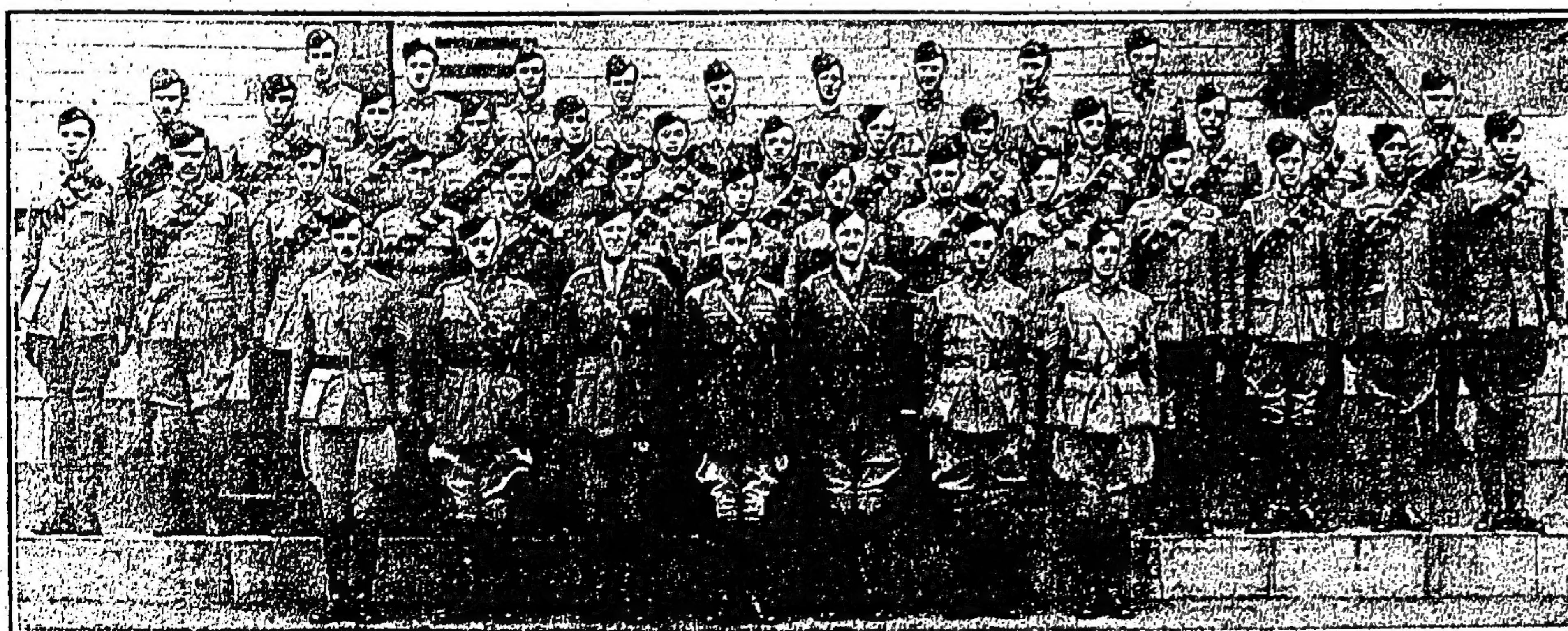
An incident in the general routine of life of board a warship. Men of H. M. S. Nelson scrubbing decks during their cruise in the Mediterranean. (Times copyright).



Photo taken at the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Miss Ethel Dunn, of South Shields, and Mr. E. R. Graham, of the China Navigation Company.



Another Royal wedding is being planned in Japan, an engagement between Prince Takamatsu and Miss Kikuko Tokugawa having been announced.



The above photograph of members of the Shanghai Light Horse was taken in front of the Race Club pavilion during the unit's Easter camp. While there were a number of absentees the picture serves to show how smart a unit the Light Horse is. Those in the bottom row, left to right, are: Sergt. Grieg, Lieut. W. R. McBain, Capt. H. M. Spence, Major L. R. Andrews, M.O. (Commanding), Capt. C. Trenchard Davis, M.O., Sergt-Major J. K. Brand and Sergt. Matland.

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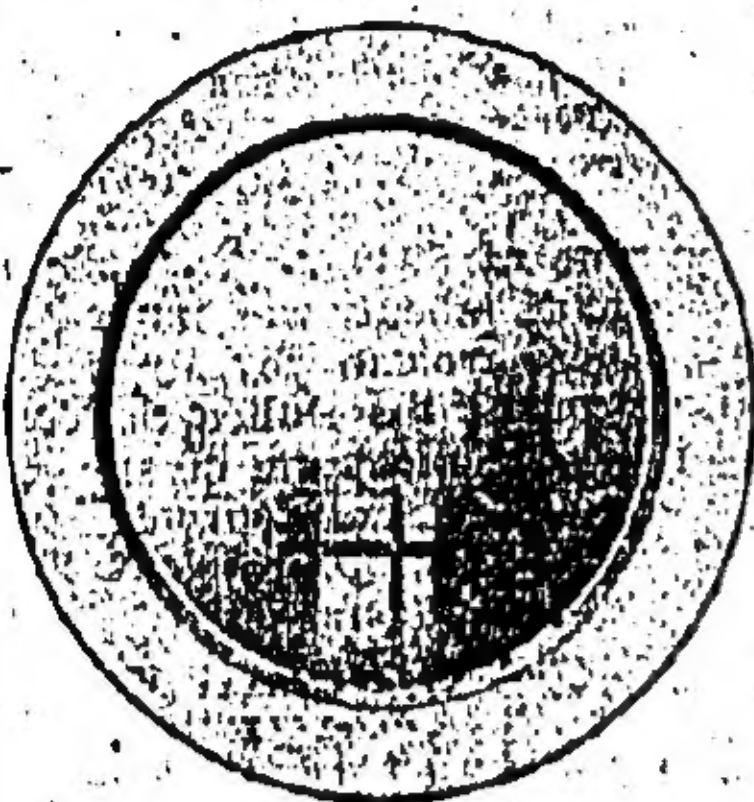
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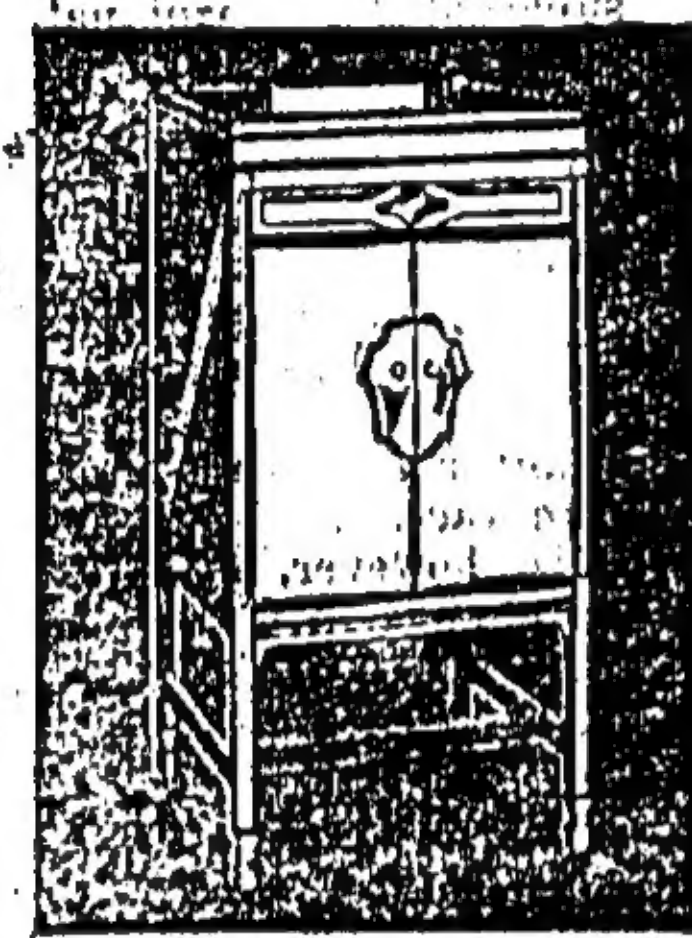
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Gruyere Butters.

Put 2oz. of butter into 4oz. of flour, add seasonings and 2oz. of grated cheese, and mix to a paste with a beaten egg and a little milk. Make into small balls, and fry a light brown in boiling fat.

Cheese Turtlets.

Make some tartlet cases with a pastry made by mixing together 3oz. of grated cheese, 3oz. of butter, 4oz. of flour, the yolk of an egg, and seasonings. Bake, and when cold fill with a mixture of grated cheese, cream, and seasonings. Strew some grated cheese on top, dust with paprika, and arrange fillets of anchovy round and to make a star across.

Croutons à la Lyrie.

Cut out some rounds of hot buttered toast, and lay on each a grilled mushroom. Curl round the mushroom a lightly fried or grilled soft herring roe.

Canapes of Fresh Cod Roe.

Wash the roe, simmer in a saucepan with enough water to cover for about six minutes. Dry it and pound to a smooth paste, and add whipped cream, lemon juice, and seasonings. Spread on croutons of fried bread, and cover with chopped truffles, chopped parsley, or the powder made from pounded lobster, coral, or a combination of all three garnishes.

Boston Toasts.

Add the yolks of three eggs to 1½ oz. butter, stir, until it thickens, and then add two table-spoonfuls of grated cheese. Mix well and add half a glass of port wine, pepper and salt. Make thoroughly hot, but do not let it boil. Put a thick layer on squares of hot buttered toast, put in oven to make hot all through, garnish with strips of chilies, and serve.

Canapes à la Rob Roy.

Cut some hot buttered toast into strips, place a soft herring roe on each, sprinkle with a little pepper and vinegar, and cook under the grill for a few minutes to cook the roe.



New Floral Prints Have Romantic Background.

If a rose is just a rose to you in silks and filmy chiffons—then perhaps the new floral designs will not have so much appeal for you.

But if you're a patriotic sense, a response to things heraldic, then you will indeed enjoy these pussy-willows and chiffon voiles that twine in and out among their various patterns not one, but several state flowers at a time.

Not alone with their delicate colorings do the gay designs charm us, but with the story they have to tell, as well. In one, the modest daisy blooms beside the sturdy rhododendron with the peach blossom to complete the colour trio and the sentiment. In another, syringa, and brush are in perfect accord.

Which reminds us—it has been predicted that the Spring bride will find no more interesting suggestion for her bride's maid's frock than flowered chiffons. We wonder just how much more interesting the procession would be if instead of repeating the same pattern for all dresses there should be harmony of background—let us say pale peach, maple or sea-foam green—each maid's frock with a different group of flowers, the whole blending in feeling, yet different enough to give variety?

It is of course difficult to stress any one of the late printed silks as loveliest. Modernistic patterns

are intriguing; smart sports prints were never more sprightly; historic designs especially interesting.

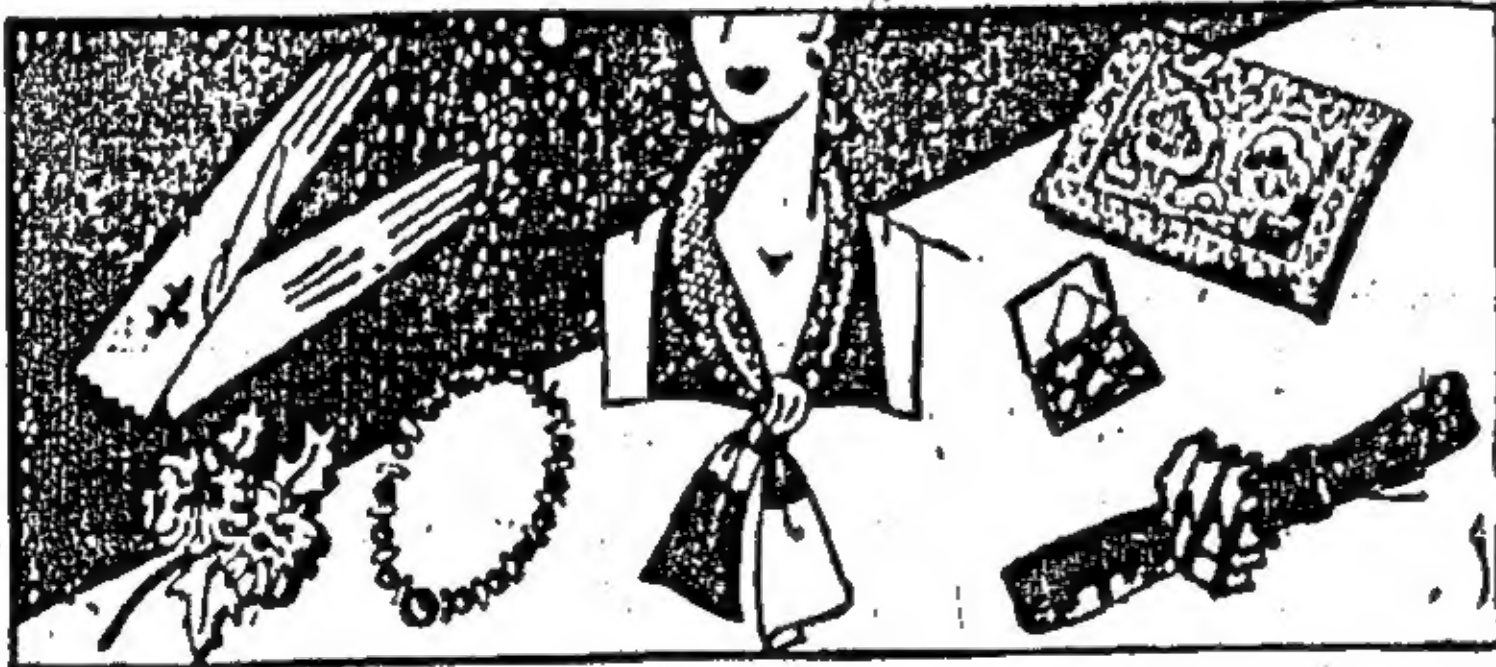
And yet, for the Spring pageant we are inclined to think nothing is so symbolic as the frock whose motif is either leaves or flowers in natural or conventional arrangement.

One new conceit of indestructible chiffon voiles shows exotic blossoms on a dark ground, giving the gown a frothy, elusive effect that is new.

A chic ensemble for afternoon wear uses a full length coat of soft pastel-tinted wool lined with pussy willow in a three-tone leaf pattern which is also employed for the sleeveless one-piece dress with fitted hip yoke.

Another costume in the flower series chooses a straight-line coat of plain pussywillow, with two-piece frock showing flower motifs on a navy ground.

Perhaps the happiest thing about the printed frock in the way it lends itself to the use of different accessories which, if they accent some colour in the fabric, may be as different as they like—green one day, brown the next—so long as they observe the laws of harmony. Indeed, we shouldn't be at all surprised to find the continued chic of prints is due in a large measure to this opportunity for diversion!



It is said that while the well-dressed American woman shows an unerring sense of line and colour, she lacks an appreciation of detail. The right scarf, handbag, jewels, perfume—accessories that do so much to complete the costume—are all but neglected by her.

Certainly one would not think so, if the smart shop offerings be an indication of which way American fancy lies. For here the most pointed interest is paid to collecting the lesser articles that make up the perfect whole.

For the black tulle, for example, scarf, handbag and shoes are related in subtle ways—when they are not matching. With a silver-tipped fox scarf a bag of black calf with watersnake panels is shown; watersnake one-strap shoes with grey hose and one-button gloves of silver-grey suede. A three-shaded scarf with calf handbag in the darkest shade and a belt to match echo the rust-brown hat of a sports costume.

With an afternoon frock in one of the new spring prints, accessories pick up a colour prominent

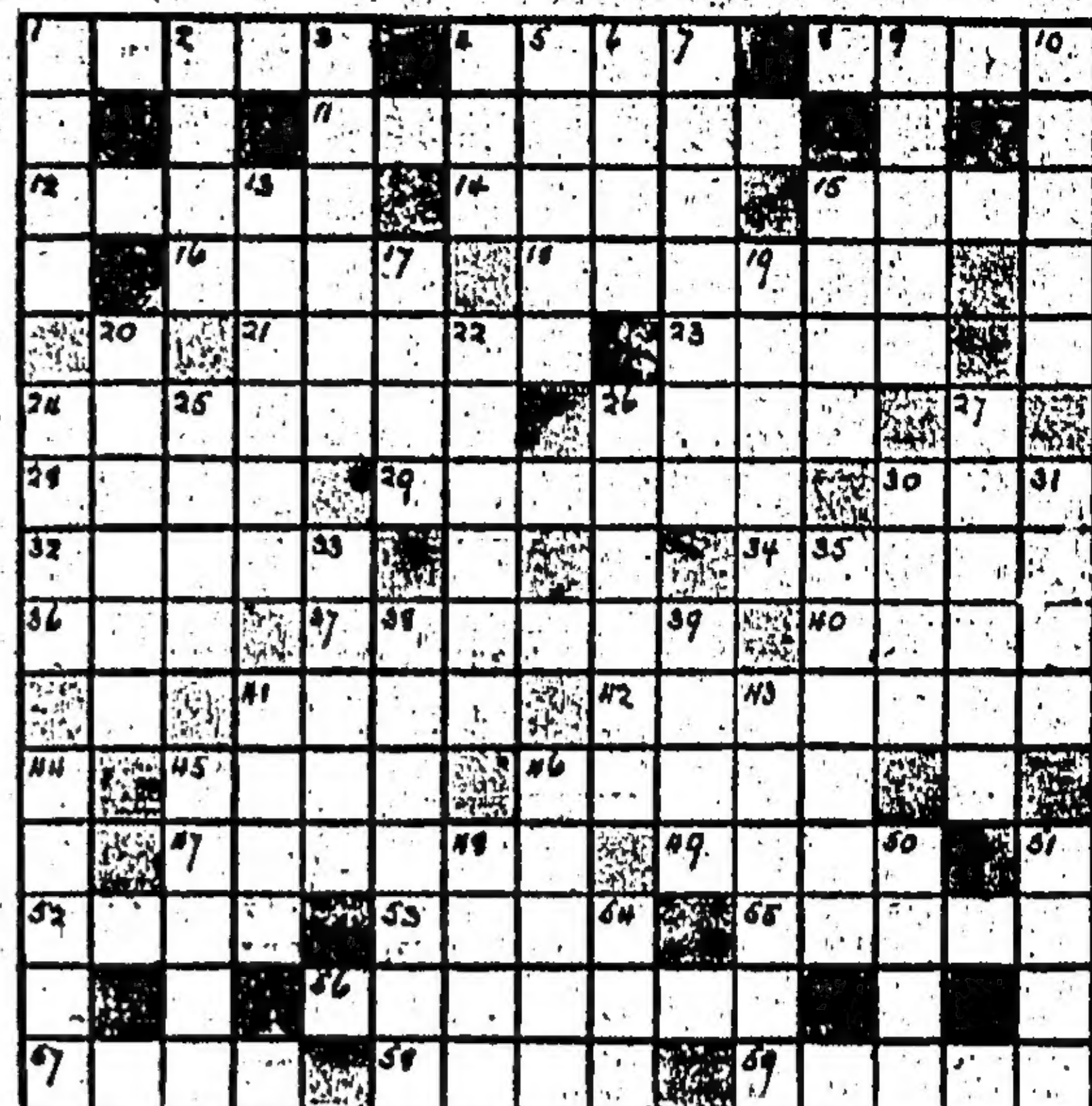
in the print and use a choker and bracelet in silver and green onyx, a handbag of soft plaited green suede with a silver mounting, a scarf in two shades of green.

So much for harmony; for contrasts are also good. Costumes in neutral shades of beige or grey, or the dark navy frock, welcome the introduction of quite a bit of colour in accessories. The jade note is particularly fetching with beige and may express itself through costume jewels, scarf and a pale jade purse in cracked leather.

With navy the carnelian shades are effective—a tri-coloured scarf combining navy, beige and carnelian, hat of navy haku faced with bias fold of the tri-coloured silk and choker and bracelet set with carnelian. For this costume the bag of navy calf has huge knob-caps of carnelian, gloves are of beige suede.

By choosing carefully these seemingly small details of the toilette no much chic can be added at so little cost.

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 - Manor-house.
 - Armed with force.
 - Move restively sideways.
 - Accumulate.
 - Cooking apparatus.
 - Number.
 - Pertaining to tresses.
 - Gives sparingly.
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 - Nimble.
 - Cremona violin.
 - Is unable to.
 - Feed.
 - Scheme.
 - Eager.
 - Dramatic composition.
 - Ecclesiastical dignitary.
 - Tolls.
 - Squirrels' nest.
 - Common flower.

- Down**
- Converse.
 - Agreement.
 - Trust.
 - Word designating spirituous water.
 - Annexed.
 - Asiatic country.
 - Geometrical figure.
 - Rude figure.
 - Stood open.
 - Antagonists.
 - Song.
 - Story.
 - Spirals of wire.
 - Reproaches.
 - Required.
 - Pronoun.
 - Unhesitating dash.
 - Wading-bird.
 - Strip.
 - Just.
 - Most good.
 - Severe.
 - Delicate.
 - Fox.
 - Measure of length.
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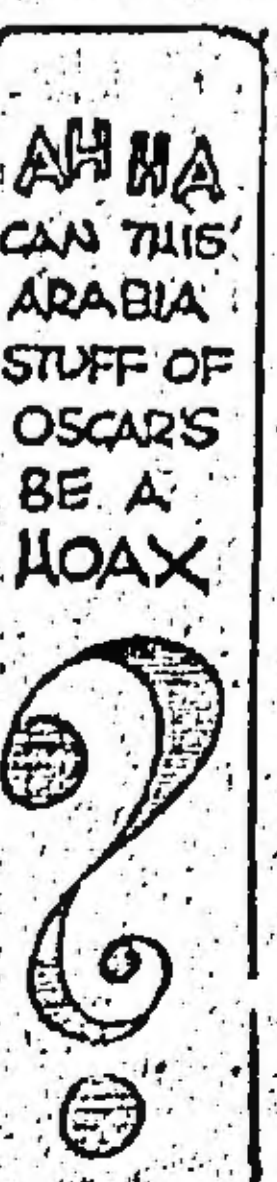
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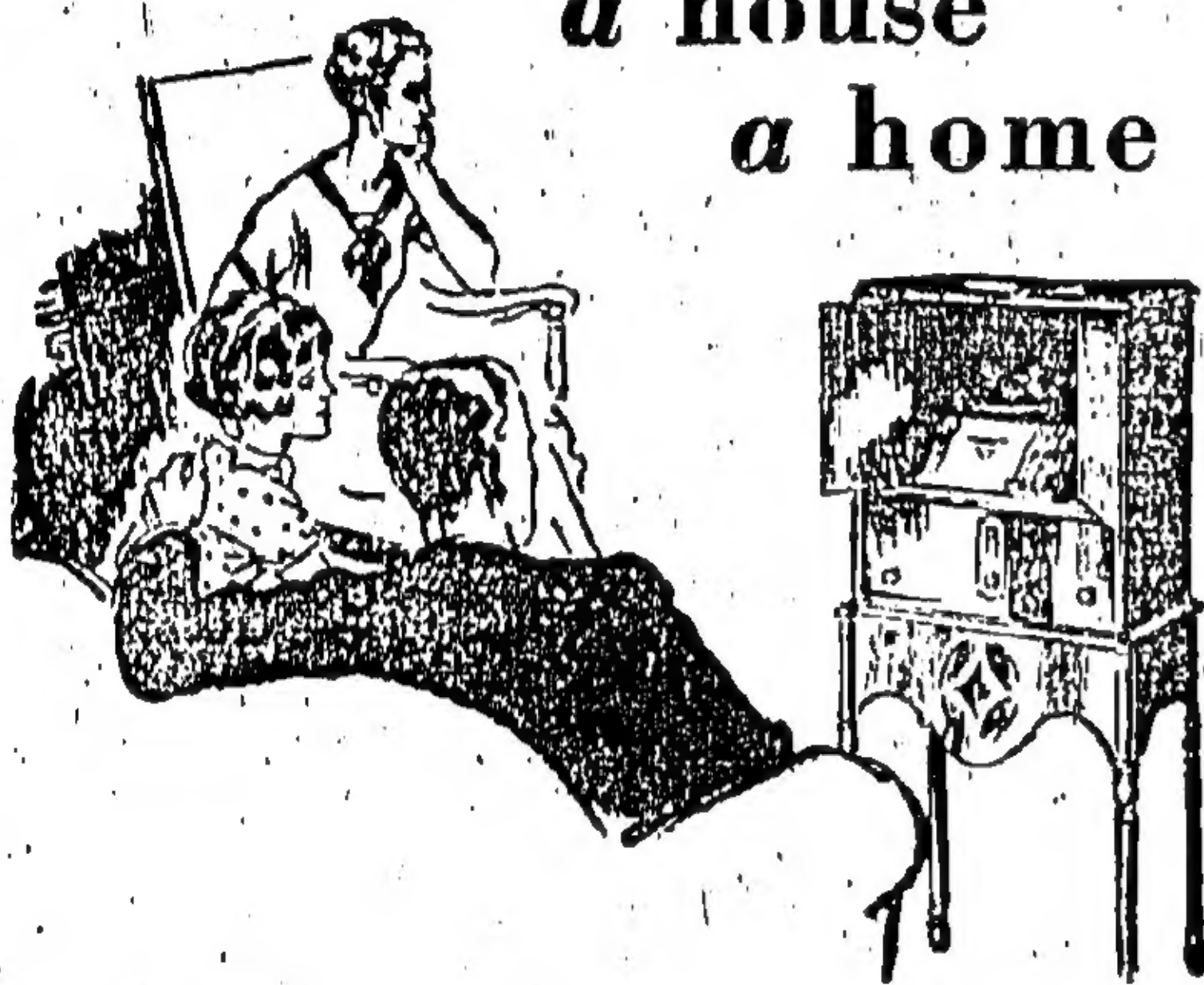
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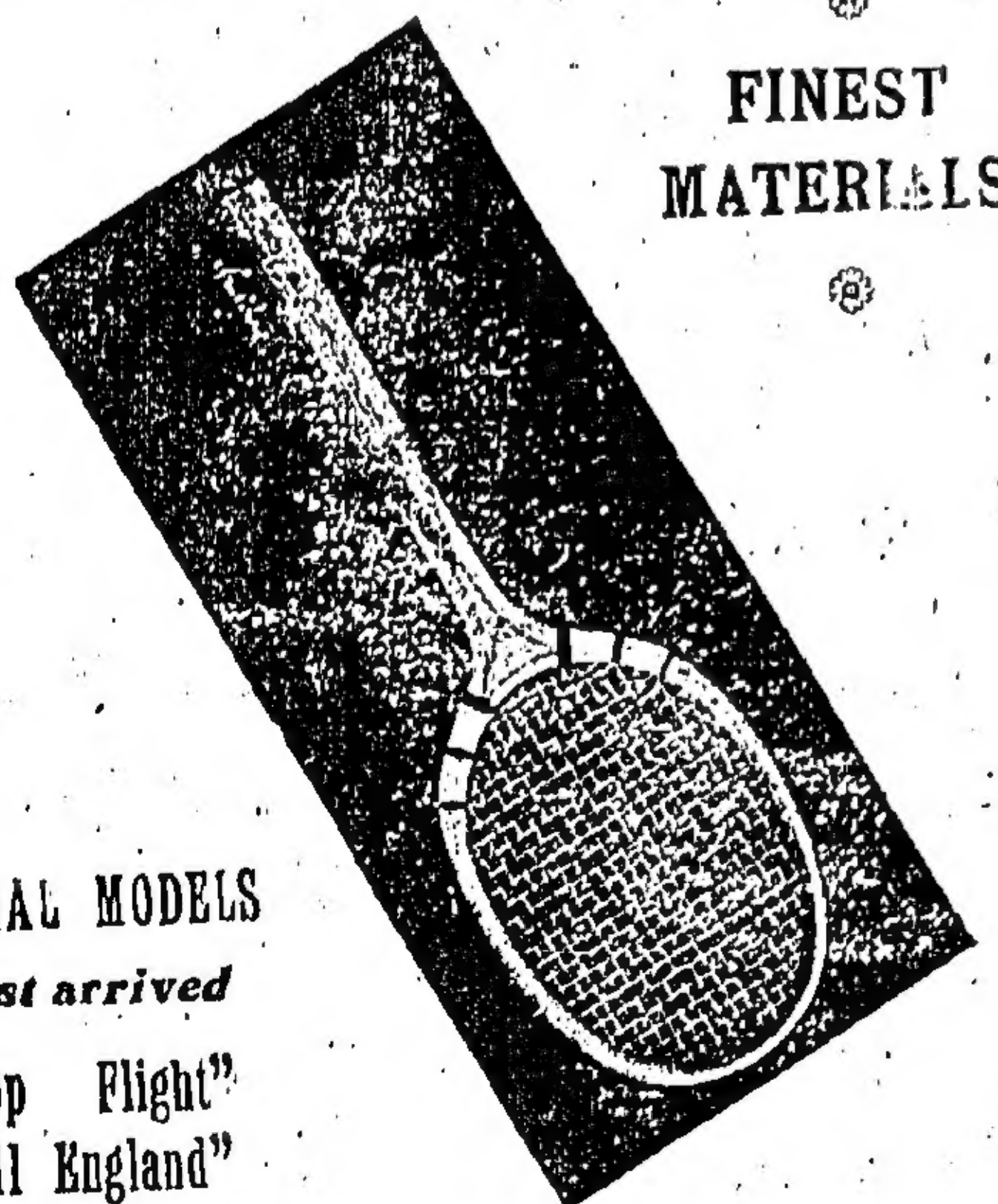
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dos Remedios, and sent floral
tributes.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY APRIL 18, 1929

WAR DEBTS.

We imagine there will be con-
siderable diversity of opinion in
various parts of the world regard-
ing Mr. Snowden's outburst in the
House of Commons on the question
of war debts. He suggests that if
the Labour Party is returned to
power, it may reopen the whole
question of the debts of the Euro-
pean Allies. What is more to the
point, however, is his repudiation
of the Balfour Note which provides
that Britain shall not demand more
from her debtors than she is re-
quired to pay to the United States.
The doctrine contained in this Note
was made by Mr. Snowden as
"infamous." The agreement, he
declares, was made by a Govern-
ment with a temporary majority
in the Commons, but an argument
of that type is scarcely likely to im-
press anybody; certainly it would
be the flimsiest possible ground on
which to base a repudiation. The
attitude smacks too much of Soviet
tactics for our liking.

Whilst it would certainly
be most deplorable for any
British Government to re-
pudiate its solemn obligations,
either in regard to war debts or
any other issue, there will be some
measure of sympathy felt by the
hard-pressed taxpayer at Home
with Mr. Snowden's view that Brit-
tain has come rather badly out of
the settlement agreements. In this
connexion, it is worth bearing
in mind that the United States has
received far better terms from both
France and Italy than Britain has,
nor must it be forgotten that under
the terms of the funding of the
American debt we have to pay a
sum which has been computed to
represent about £100,000 per day
for more than three generations.
It is in view of facts like these
that a considerable body of opinion
inclines to the view that we have
been over-generous in the attitude
we have adopted on the general
question of war indebtedness. It
may, of course, be possible that
long before the expiration
of the period covered
by the Anglo-American fund-
ing agreement, the whole of
this war debt issue will be again
overhauled. Obviously, however,
this would have to be on the basis
of mutual understanding; repudia-
tion of contracts would never do.

It will be recalled in this connexion
that some time ago an influentially-
signed manifesto issued under the
auspices of the Faculty of Political
Science of Columbia University,
U.S.A., strongly urged revision of
the whole of the settlements and
suggested the calling of an inter-
national conference towards that
end. The settlements were con-
demned by the signatories to this
manifesto as being unsound in
principle and as fostering a deep
sense of grievance against the
United States. Little has, how-
ever, since been heard of the move-
ment, although the time will
doubtless come when the general
question will have to be gone into
afresh.

Mr. Snowden's "attack" on
France is not likely to conduce to
international amity, although we
agree that that country came very
well out of her settlement with
Britain, which represented a scul-
ling down of the debt by 60 per cent.
In concluding the agreement,
France insisted on a safeguarding
clause which resulted in a com-
promise arrangement defining the
attitude of the British Government
in the hypothetical event of a com-
plete or a serious default by Ger-
many in regard to reparations pay-
ment under the Dawes scheme.
Happily, Germany has not default-
ed, and meanwhile a new develop-
ment has arisen by the meeting of
experts to decide how much she
can afford to pay. The safeguard-
ing clause was regarded at the time
as a decided concession by Britain,
and Mr. Churchill came in for
a deal of criticism over it, the more
so as it permitted the reopening of
the whole issue in certain eventual-
ities. On the general question,
there can be no doubt Brit-
tain has burdened herself ter-
ribly by the nature of her
debt agreements, especially in view
of the attitude laid down in the
Balfour Note. But we cannot feel
that the position is likely to be
made any better by declarations of
the type of those just made by Mr.
Snowden, however anxious he may
be that revision should be secured
with a view to a more equitable
sharing of the burden.

[Since the above was written, it
has been announced that the
Labour Party will not repudiate
any of the debt settlements and
that no revision will take place
except by mutual consent.—Ed.
H.K.T.]

The Butler Report.

While the door is not closed to
constitutional changes of the first
importance at some time in the
future, the Butler Report, on the
relationship between the Indian
States and the paramount power
follows broadly the wishes of the
Princes. In this, the Committee
has taken the line it was general-
ly expected they would take. The
fear among the native rulers that
they might be subjected to the
direction of an Indian Legislature
composed of British India politi-
cians, representative of only a small
section of the community, has been
a very real one, and the vehemence
of their objection brooked of no
misunderstanding. These native
Princes have always been among
His Majesty's most loyal subjects,
their services during the war, both
in the provision of troops and
finance, will not soon be forgotten.
The native States and British India
have always been quite distinct,
and the system, as the Butler Com-
mittee finds, has worked harmo-
niously and satisfactorily. The most
important of the recommendations
is that the direct relationship of
the rulers of the native States and
His Majesty should not be trans-
ferred, with the consent of the
Princes, to a new Government
of India responsible to an
Indian Legislature. Almost of
equal importance, however, and
pleasing to the Princes, is the fur-
ther recommendation that the
Viceroy, and not the Governor-
General-in-Council, shall be the agent
of the Crown in its relations with
the Princes. Special attention is
devoted in the report to the ques-
tion of possible controversies that
may arise between the States them-
selves, between the States and the
Crown, or between the States and
British India; and it is suggested
that any such disputes should be re-
ferred to independent committees,
a sort of arbitration board, for set-
tlement. Sir Harcourt Butler and
his colleagues of the Commission
have gone into the matter with
commendable thoroughness, and the
Government will undoubtedly carry
the proposals into effect.

Theatre-goers are advised that all
seats have been sold for "The
Fanny" which is being played to-
night at the Star Theatre by the
English Comedy Company.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Muddling Football.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—It was with great interest
and yet disgust that I read in this
morning's paper that a replay
between the H.K.F.C. and the
Chinese Athletic Club is to be played
to-day. I sincerely hope that the
Club refuse to play. (This is
written hours before the time
scheduled for this match to take
place.)

What an amazing and yet
muddling business. Whatever
took place at the disputed match
was recognised, and approved by
the referee. Now, after about five
weeks have elapsed, a replay is
ordered, because the Athletic have
protested. As in such cases
at Home, the match should
stand, and the referee be
"sacked."

Another amazing point I read is
that if the Athletic win, their
League record will be equal to that
of the Somersets and a deciding
match will be played to as-
certain who will win the League.
Such rulings (if they be such) are
really wonderful. Where in the
football world is goal average not
a deciding factor at the end of the
season? How many teams "go
up" or "down" by a decimal point
of a goal? And yet in Hongkong,
whose Association is, mark you,
affiliated to the Home body, goal
average is not to count.

It certainly is time that new
blood was introduced to the local
management. One thought strikes
me is:—Are these replays and
extra matches ordered to bring in
extra "kates" to the Association?
Shades of McCubbin and Stal-
ker!—Yours, etc.

Hongkong, Apr. 18, 1929.

Christian Science.

Sir,—In his interesting discourse
on "Christianity as taught by
Christ," as published in your
columns last night, Sir Henry Pol-
lock quoted a passage from Mr.
Bernard Shaw, which read in part
as follows: "Miracles in the sense
of events that violate the normal
course of our experience are vouch-
ered for every day; the flourishing
Church of Christ, Scientist, is
founded on a multitude of such
miracles." May I state that while
it is true the Christian Science
Church has thrived as a result of
performing in some measure the
healing works authorised by Christ
Jesus, Christian Scientists do not
think of such healing as miracu-
lous, in the generally accepted sense
of the term. Rather do they un-
derstand it to be the fulfilment of
the Jesus scientific statement: "Ye
shall know the truth, and the truth
shall make you free."

In a lecture on Christian Science
by Judge Clifford P. Smith,
C.S.B., there occurred the follow-
ing pertinent passages: "The
Greek words that are usually
but not always translated
"miracle" in the King James ver-
sion of the New Testament do not
mean a supernatural event. Their
meaning varies from an act of
power, a mighty work, to a sign or
proof, but they do not denote that
which is supernatural. This is
plainly set forth in the Oxford
English dictionary and in other
standard works of reference. The
Greek word in the verses which is
often used to refer to the work
of healing done by Christ Jesus,
means a sign and includes the idea
of evidence or proof. This is shown
by what Jesus said at the end of the
gospel according to Mark: "These
signs shall follow them that be-
lieve." The Greek word which is
here rendered "signs" is the same
word which is elsewhere rendered
"miracles."

Another pertinent fact is that
the early Christians cited the heal-
ing of the sick by divine power as

DAY BY DAY.

TRUE GLORY LIES IN THE SILENT
CONQUEST OF OURSELVES.—Thomp-
son.

A further Chinese case of small-
pox was notified yesterday.

Lieut. S. H. Pinchin, of H.M.S.
Titanic, has won a prize of £30 and
a certificate of merit for proficiency
in German.

A fine of \$240, or four months
with hard labour, was imposed on a
Chinese woman by Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Police Court for
conducting an opium divan. Evi-
dence proved that four men were
found smoking opium in her cubi-
cle, but the amount of opium seized
was very small.

At the Police Court, this morn-
ing, several Chinese were charg-
ed with being in illicit possession
of opium, in two cases the defend-
ants having been found with the
drug strapped round their legs
under their trousers. Mr. E. W.
Hamilton imposed fines of \$3,000
or 12 months, and \$1,900 or nine
months, in these two cases.

verifying the teaching in which
they believed and attesting their
understanding of it. With the loss
in the third century of this power,
they lost the most cogent and per-
suasive evidence of Christianity.
Moreover, the lack of this power
made the later Christianity differ
from that which was practiced and
taught by Christ Jesus. The
lack of healing power made the
later practice differ
from the original in scope
and in effect. An explanation,
therefore, became necessary, and
the supernatural explanation
which still persists is the out-
growth of this predicament. The
explanation which thus came to
be formulated is that God normal-
ly acts through natural law, but
that His personality is such that
He may act supernaturally, and
that He has done so at certain
critical moments in the history of
the human race.

There is, however, no need to
assume a change in God's law or
government in order to account
for the possession of the healing
power by some persons and not by
others. The more natural ex-
planation is that some of them
possessed, while others lacked, the
necessary understanding. Jesus
never attributed the possibility of
Christian healing to anything
abnormal on the part of God, nor
on the part of himself. On the
contrary, he spoke of such works
as the inflexible test of disciplo-
ship. This is illustrated in his
saying: "He that believeth on
me, the works that I do shall he
do also."

Another objection to the hypo-
thesis in question is that it
describes a human character to
Deity. It likens Him to a human
father who says, "Since my
ordinary and regular plan of
government is not working well
I will modify it or try another."
This is not the character of Him
"with whom is no variableness,
neither shadow of turning." The
plans of infinite wisdom do not
need to be changed.

The final refutation of the
supernatural explanation of
Christian healing is supplied by
the fact that such healing has
been resumed since the discovery
of its Science. The healing of
the sick by the power of God in
the first, second and third cen-
turies and again in the nineteenth
and twentieth centuries abundantly
confirms the truth of Mrs.
Eddy's saying "that the so-called
miracles of Jesus did not specially
belong to a dispensation now
ended, but that they illustrated an
ever-operative divine Principle"
(Science and Health, p.123).—
Yours, etc.,

W. H. ADLER.
Christian Science Committee on
Publication for Hongkong.

51
COMMON ERRORS
IN BRIDGE
AND HOW TO
CORRECT THEM
By W.W. Wentworth

51. FINESSE TOWARDS THE
WRONG HAND.

North (Dummy)—
♠ 8 4 2
♥ K J 4 3
♦ 7 8
♣ 6 5 3

West—
♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 6 5 4 3
♣ A Q J

South (Declarer)—
♠ A Q 3
♥ K J 4 3
♦ A K J
♣ A J 8

The Bidding: South obtains
contract for one no-trump.

Deciding the Play: West leads
7 of clubs; 3 of clubs is played
from Dummy and East follows
with Queen of clubs. Declarer
takes with Ace of clubs. What
procedure should Declarer adopt
to make game?

The Error: Declarer leads Jack
of hearts and East wins this trick
with Queen of hearts, leads clubs
and prevents game.

The Correct Method: Every
effort must be made to prevent
East from obtaining the lead to
play clubs through Declarer.
Every finesse should be taken by
Dummy towards the Declarer's
hand so that if the finesse fails
West will be in the lead. Upon
winning the first trick with Ace of
clubs, Declarer plays Jack of
hearts whether West covers with
hearts or not. Declarer then plays
10 of hearts, and finesse. Played
in this manner two clubs tricks
must be made and game is assur-
ed. After winning the Jack of
clubs, Declarer throws the lead to
West with 8 of clubs to make him
lead up to Declarer.

The Principle: When necessary,
prevent opponent from leading
through you by finessing towards
opponent's strong hand.

The Very Idea!

Mr. Hunter Charles Rogers,
who figured in a case at Aylesbury
over a year ago regarding alleged
relics of Shakespeare and Penn,
applied to the Slough magistrates
last month for a summons against
the Superintendent of the Police
for the return of a Romney pic-
ture. He said it was lost, and the
police had done their best to
trace it. It was seen and handled
by many at the Aesizo Court,
Aylesbury.

"I am quite entitled to have a
summons to make things move a
bit," he added. "Somebody has
got it, and I have had to refuse
three offers for it. It was insured
for £200 whilst on loan in the
Museum."

The Chairman (Councillor
Daw): We are not prepared to
grant a summons.

Mr. Rogers: Then I must carry
it a bit farther.

Solicitor at Bow County Court
—which is my largest liability.
Debtor—My wife.

Magistrate at Tottenham—why
did you leave your wife? Man—
I wanted a holiday.

Little girls should never tell
stories. They are likely to grow
up and become woman novelists.

Newly-married woman at Bow
County Court—My bridegroom
simply wrote out a cheque for
£10. Judge Thompson, K.C.—
That is what bridegrooms are for.

Man at Glasgow, accused of
neglect—I love my wife with all
my heart. Sheriff Robertson—
Yes, but what you have to do is
to love her with all your allow-
ance. She wants more than your
heart.

"There appears to be a law of
compensation in life which de-
mands that whatever we gain on
one side we obtain only by making
corresponding losses on the other."
Mr. Angus Watson.]

Life's a time of gain and loss;
Life's a game of pitch and toss,
Of who'll be under, who'll be
boss,

And many such like things;
But whether Fortune smiles or
pouts,

Careses us or deals us clouts,
We lose upon the roundabouts
Our takings on the swings.

How sad to think, while making
hay,
We suffer in some other way,
Although we can't pretend to
say

Exactly how it's done;
But all the pleasures we have
bought—

Work out at just precisely
nought
Of plus one minus one.

Of course, it may be said that
we,
Though suffering pain and
misery,

Are gaining joy we cannot see
To that precise amount—
Alas! the pain that makes us
equal

Philosophy cannot conceal,
White pleasures that we do not
feel

Do not appear to count.

The newly-married man came
home and sat down to dinner ex-
pectantly. The first courses were
a complete success—and then
came the pudding!

"Er, what is this—er—pudd-
ing?" asked hubby, viewing the
dark brown substance doubtfully.

"It's a ginger pudding," said
wife, beaming. "Tell me how
you like it, dear."

Hubby tasted it. The ginger
was certainly there in full
strength, for it burned his mouth,
his throat, and his stomach. His
eyes watered, and he gasped.

"Lovely, isn't he?" said his
wife. "I got the recipe from a
magazine!"

"Are you sure, dear," said the
victim, when he could speak, "that
it wasn't a powder magazine?"

To-day's Ghost Story.—"During
a walking tour in the North of
Scotland last year a friend and I
were approaching a lonely house
standing in a little-used by-road;
it was about eight o'clock in the
evening and just getting dark.

We saw a coach coming towards
us drawn by grey horses. It made
a good deal of noise as it jolted
in and out of the ruts. It pulled
up by the gate, and as far as we
could see a man with powdered
hair descended and dashed up the
drive. His footsteps echoed loud-
ly up the drive and then ceased.

"We were fairly close by this
time, and we both wished to look
at the coach more closely, but
when we were within about fif-
teen yards the coach was no
longer there. We searched the
grounds of the house, but it was
absolutely deserted.

"On making inquiries at our
next stopping place we were told
that no one used the road after
dark, and that the house had
stood empty for thirty years."

BANKRUPT BUT A GENIUS.**CLERK'S LIABILITIES OF OVER \$23,000.****MUST NOT ASK MERCY.**

A receiving order was granted in the Bankruptcy Court this morning in the case of a clerk named Li Kim who was stated to be receiving a salary of one hundred dollars a month. The liabilities were given as \$23,140.

Saying that the man must be a genius the Chief Justice asked the Official Receiver how the man had managed to incur the debts.

It was stated that the greater part of the liabilities consisted of sums due under promissory notes. Debtor had signed notes personally for about \$2,000. The others he had signed as guarantor in company with other signatories.

Mr. F. N. D'Almeida appeared for the debtor and said that the moneylenders should have known that the man was a clerk. The other people who had signed the notes were well to do. Debtor's part had been to sign in order to recommend his friends.

His Lordship pointed out that that was no excuse and said that if he granted a receiving order Mr. D'Almeida must not plead for mercy later.

Strike to Blame.

A pork dealer who continued dealing during the general strike of 1925 and who was afterwards stabbed by strikers came up for his public examination. He said he had been in the pork business for twenty-eight years and owned two stalls in the markets. He attributed his bankruptcy to inability to collect book debts and the fact that he lost several thousand dollars during the strike.

Questioned with regard to an insurance endowment policy which he had not disclosed in his statement of affairs, debtor said he did not think of it until reminded by his counsel. Speaking of accounts kept by debtor, the Official Receiver stated that he had spent \$1,900 in the month previous to his bankruptcy, this largely consisting of school fees for his children paid in advance.

Asked regarding an item in his accounts of \$100 for ricksha hire and tea debtor said that the man also included certain living expenses. A fold had formerly kept the accounts but in the first month he did the accounts himself and lumped the money into a lump anyhow.

Debtor admitted that in addition to owning two stalls he was the salaried manager of another. He was questioned regarding the ownership of other stalls and said that he had passed them on to other people. The licence of one stall had not been transferred from debtor to the new owner as they thought that a transfer might result in the rent being increased. The Official Receiver: Then you conspired with this man to defraud the Government of its rent?—Many people do not let the Sanitary Board know of changes of stalls. The examination was closed.

BANVARD COMEDY COMPANY.**"THE BEST PEOPLE" A BIG SUCCESS.**

The remarkable measure of popularity which has been secured by the members of the Banvard Comedy Company, and which is well deserved, was again evidenced at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night when they presented "The Best People" to an enthusiastic house. From beginning to the end the players thoroughly amused the audience, taking their various roles in a polished manner. "The Best People," which ran for 300 nights at the Lyric Theatre, London, is of an extremely funny nature, notable for its witty dialogues and humorous situations and the artists made a big success of it.

The story deals with a lady who desires that her children should marry into "The Best People," but difficulties arise when it becomes obvious that their inclinations are otherwise. Round this theme the author has a wealth of comedy that makes the piece extremely enjoyable.

To-night "The Fannies" will be staged and this promises to be a most outstanding success, as all seats are booked up.

FAIR WEATHER.

The Observatory reports that the anticyclone is still indicated to the east of the Bonins. Another has developed over North China and South Manchuria. Pressure is relatively lower over Japan and the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—Easterly or variable winds, light to moderate; fair.

D'AGUIAR STREET ROBBERY.**SAID TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN A TEA HOUSE.****SESSIONS TRIAL.**

A robbery which occurred at No. 24, D'Aguiar Street, which was alleged to have been planned in a tea house nearby, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning when four men were charged. They were Chan Shu, Chan Kai, Lo Man and Wong Yiu-fan, alias Wong Kwong.

The charge against them was that on March 5, 1929, they committed the robbery and stole 12 rings, a gold bangle, eight pairs of gold bangles, a pair of rattan and gold bangles, two gold wrist watches, a wrist watch strap, a pair of ear-rings, four hairpins, a brooch, a string of pearls, a gold watch and chain and appendage, a set of tooth picks, a purse, a tweed suit, a fountain pen, a white metal pencil, two Australian 30s. bits and \$233.10 in money.

There were also charges of receiving preferred against the first three prisoners, while Chan Kai was additionally charged with being in unlawful possession of ten rounds of pistol ammunition.

Robbery Admitted.

The prisoners admitted the charge of robbery, with the exception of Lo Man, who also denied a charge of receiving a gold watch chain and a pair of gold bangles.

Mr. Fitzroy, for the Crown, said he did not wish to offer evidence with regard to the possession of ammunition, in view of the admissions, and accordingly the prisoners were taken away, their sentences being postponed until next Wednesday, and the case against Lo Man was proceeded with.

Mr. Fitzroy stated on the morning of March 5 the prisoner met certain other people at the Tai Yu tea house, Wellington Street, which was close to the house where the robbery took place. The robbery, on at least its final stages, was planned at that tea house meeting, there being altogether six men present, including the prisoner, who appeared to have been the leading spirit of the enterprise.

Three of the men left the tea house and went into the street, obtained entrance into the house by the use of pretending that they had called to change some flowers, and tied up the occupants. Apparently, explained Mr. Fitzroy, there was a man who delivered flowers at the house every day.

At the time there were three or four children at home in the care of an elder girl who, together with an amah, were tied up. Two other amahs were out at the time and they returned while the robbery was in progress. They were promptly put into a cubicle while the robbers carried on.

The robbers succeeded in obtaining a large amount of loot, including much property of which the value was unknown.

Prisoner's Part.

Referring to the prisoner's part, counsel alleged that he was present when the plot was concocted. He then went into the street and stopped at the corner for a considerable time. After the affair, he went to West Point, where was given the two bangles in connexion with which he was charged. He sent a woman out to pawn one of them, which she did for \$28. She handed the money to the prisoner and kept the pawn ticket herself. The other bangle was dealt with similarly. The chain, said counsel, was found on the prisoner.

Mr. Fitzroy agreed with his Lordship it was not suggested that the prisoner entered the house.

The son of one of the amahs living at the house, gave evidence with regard to the robbery being planned at the tea house and stated that the prisoner said he would give the men a revolver in the kitchen. He went into the kitchen with Chan Kai, but witness said he did not see the revolver passed.

While the case was proceeding, the charge of robbery was withdrawn and the case proceeded on the charge of receiving.

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on the receiving charge, and his Lordship postponed sentence until Wednesday next.

LISBON SURPRISE.**POLITICIAN "PLOTTERS" TO BE RELEASED.**

Lisbon, Apr. 17.

Some surprise has been caused by an official announcement that an order has been made for the release of the well-known politicians who were placed under arrest in connexion with an alleged Royalist plot.

An ex-Premier, Antonio Maria da Silva, was among those detained, while warrants were issued for the arrest of another ex-Premier and an ex-Cabinet Minister.—*Reuter.*

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Newman's Discovery—Covent Garden—Candid Remarks of a London Critic.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

Ernest Newman, the greatest of contemporary music critics, who has started to make records of explanatory notes on some of the Columbia masterpieces, is an adept at "leg pulling" and a recent article of his in the *Sunday Times* is one long sustained practical joke from beginning to end. I wonder how many readers realize that it was a leg-pull until they got well-nigh half way through the article. Starting by saying that his reference in recent articles to a composer called Kraznaly had called forth many letters which revealed that this man was unknown in England, he anticipates the book he was going to write about Kraznaly and his music by giving a few particulars regarding this young composer. He admits he was on the look-out for a composer whom he could be the first to introduce to the British public; and Fates provided him with Kraznaly, a composer who is not only, in his humble opinion, the greatest figure in the music of our time, but destined to have an enormous influence on the future. He regards him as the greatest composer that Hungary has yet produced and incidentally hopes that the name will not be an obstacle to his fame in Britain. "The name is pronounced exactly as it is spelt—the 'Kraz' like kraz in kraz, and the 'a' broad and with a slightly cultural inflection."

Newman tells us that the young man's father, an Albanian, was the commander of one of the largest submarines in the Swiss navy; his mother was a Dine of the purest blood from whom he drew not only his genius but that store of Latvian folk music that was one day to make him the very incarnation of the Dalmatian national spirit! In no living composer is the folk-element so strong as in Kraznaly, as proof of which Newman cites his "Rhapsodie Beethoven" for two flutes and zylphone to which the most Beethoven-minded of present-day Beethovians cannot listen without feeling that the composer is the very soul of Beethoven. His large output includes two operas—"Pre Zlatvo Vestes" and "Mrzoviti, Mrzoviti, Mrzoviti"—and seven symphonies, of which the last Sinfonia Moronesque, has been accepted by the Moronians as the truest expression yet achieved of the Moron mentality.

A letter of admiration from Newman won for him the privilege of making Kraznaly's personal acquaintance, as the result of which he was allowed to be the sole hearer, besides the composer, of his revolutionary "Concentus Silens." "In this astounding work Kraznaly has written nothing but rests. He was the first composer, indeed, to perceive and exploit all the possibilities of the rest; and the mere sight of this score, with its many time-signatures, its synopsed rests, its cross-rhythm rests, its bewildering polyphony of rests, should be enough to convince the most sceptical of the profound originality of Kraznaly's genius. The work was performed by a

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WOMAN ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY.**CURIOUS STORY TOLD AT KOWLOON COURT.****LOCK WRENCHED OFF.**

A rather uncommon charge against a woman was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese woman was accused of breaking and entering No. 135, Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, shortly after seven o'clock yesterday morning.

According to the story related by Inspector Stimson the house was occupied by an elderly woman and her daughter-in-law. At seven o'clock yesterday morning the elder of the two went to market, locking the door from the outside before leaving.

Shortly afterwards the daughter-in-law was aroused by a noise. She found the lock had been wrenched off the door, defendant being outside. The defendant, who claimed that she was visiting a friend, was later arrested and handed over to the Police.

When the mother-in-law gave evidence his Worship pointed out the dangers, in the event of fire, of leaving a person in a house with the door locked from without.

The woman smilingly replied that she committed an error of judgment. She was only leaving the house for a few minutes and did not think there would be any danger. After hearing the evidence his Worship convicted the defendant and passed sentence of one month's imprisonment.

JUNK AND LAUNCH BEACHED.**RESULT OF COLLISION WITH STEAMER.**

In a report to the Harbour Office, the Chief Officer of the s.s. Hsin Foo Sing states that at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, when the vessel was coming down the river in Belcher's Reach at Tide Pool beacon, she struck a junk which was being towed by a launch named Sing Sang, as a result of which both the junk and the launch had to be beached.

This was done safely and the Hsin Foo Sing stood by till 6 a.m. in case she was needed. After ascertaining from the coxswain of the launch that she was no longer required, the steamer proceeded on her way here, arriving in port at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

BELGIAN RAILWAY DISASTER.**EXPRESS COLLIDES WITH GOODS TRAIN.**

Hal, Brabant, Apr. 17. Hitherto seven persons are dead and a number injured, through a collision between an express from Paris and a goods train.

Driver of Express Arrested. Later. It is now established that 8 were killed and 21 injured in the express disaster.

The engine driver of the express has been arrested. He is said to have over-run the signals.—*Reuter.*

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.**CHINESE PLEAD GUILTY AT THE SESSIONS.****SENTENCE HELD OVER.**

Pan Liu and Wong Tai-chuen both pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more when they appeared before the Pui-sue (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Sentence was postponed until Wednesday next.

It was alleged by the Crown, represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, that the prisoners with another person unknown, entered No. 2, Kee Hing Street, second floor, and stole a watch and chain, a sovereign, half a sovereign, a jade ring drop, a jade bangle, six children's rattan and gold bangles, a gold bangle, two gold ear-rings, four gold rings and a total of \$471 in money.

Mr. Fitzroy explained that the incident occurred on January 16, this year. The prisoners entered the floor at six o'clock in the evening and found a coolie, his wife and concubine and another woman. The robbers were armed.

His Lordship:—Have any arms been recovered?—No, nothing has been recovered, either arms or property.

Continuing, counsel said the occupants were tied up, after which the men ransacked the place and stole the articles mentioned in the charge. Mr. Fitzroy explained that \$350 had been drawn by the coolie on that day and was locked in the safe. The prisoners then succeeded in escaping.

Telling how the men were arrested, Mr. Fitzroy stated that the coolie was walking along Des Voeux Road some six weeks afterwards when he saw Pang Liu, whom he recognised. He followed the prisoner and blew a whistle, whereupon the prisoner made a dash to escape. He was, however, arrested and disclosed the whereabouts of Wong Tai-chuen who was also arrested.

After his Lordship had intimated that he would reserve sentence, Mr. Fitzroy said he had no information as to the prisoners' previous conduct.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.**HONGKONG BRANCH MEETING TO-MORROW.**

The annual meeting of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League is being held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., to-morrow evening at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members and supporters.

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Brussels	34.05
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.08%
Milan	92.70%
Berlin	20.47
Stockholm	18.10%
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.50
Prague	104
Helsingfors	103
Madrid	32.80%
Lisbon	108%
Athens	375
Bucharest	818%
Rio	5.57/10
Buenos Aires	47.5/10
Bombay	1/6 20/32
Shanghai	2/3
Hongkong	1/11 1/4
Yokohama	1/8 29/32
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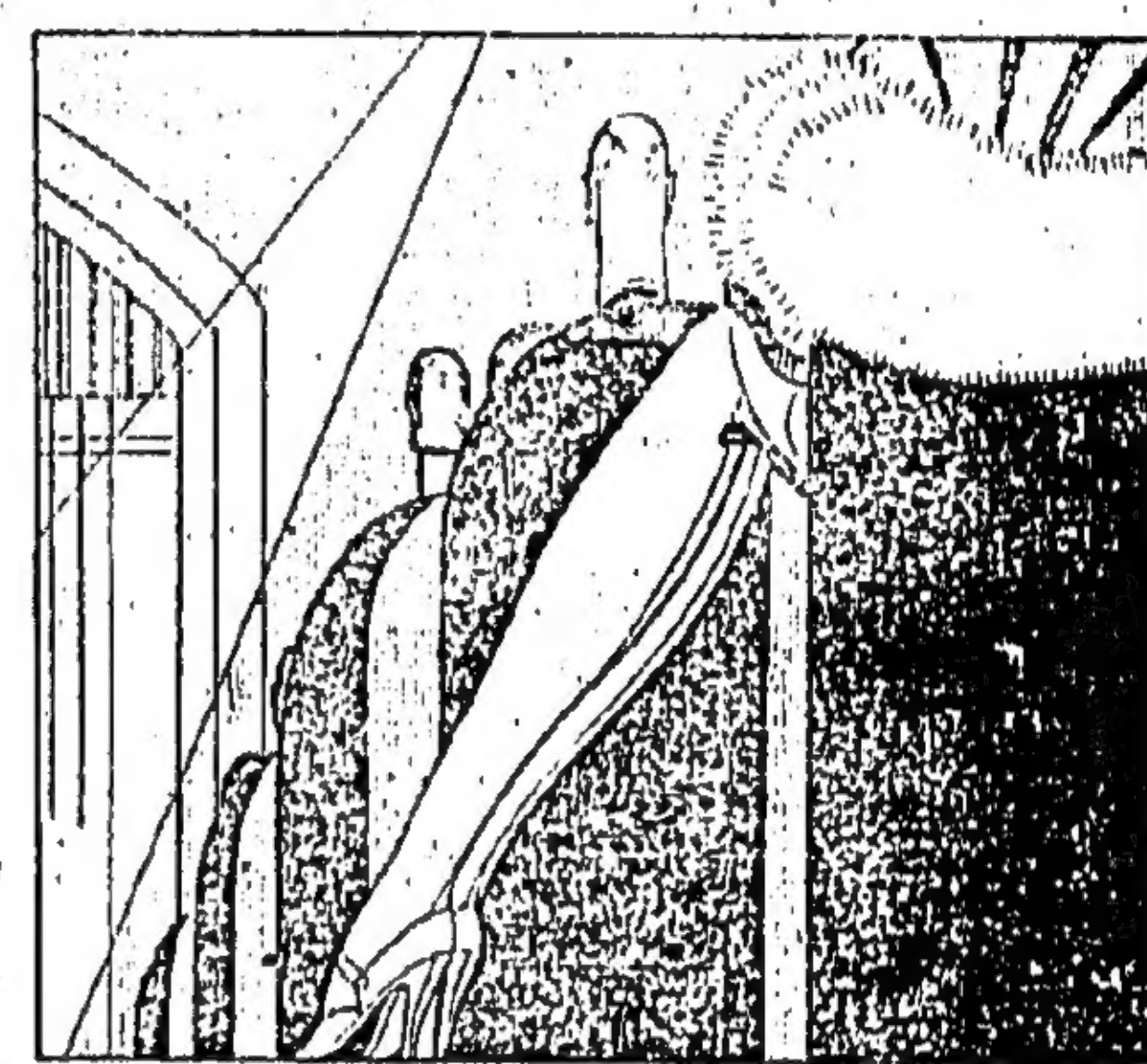
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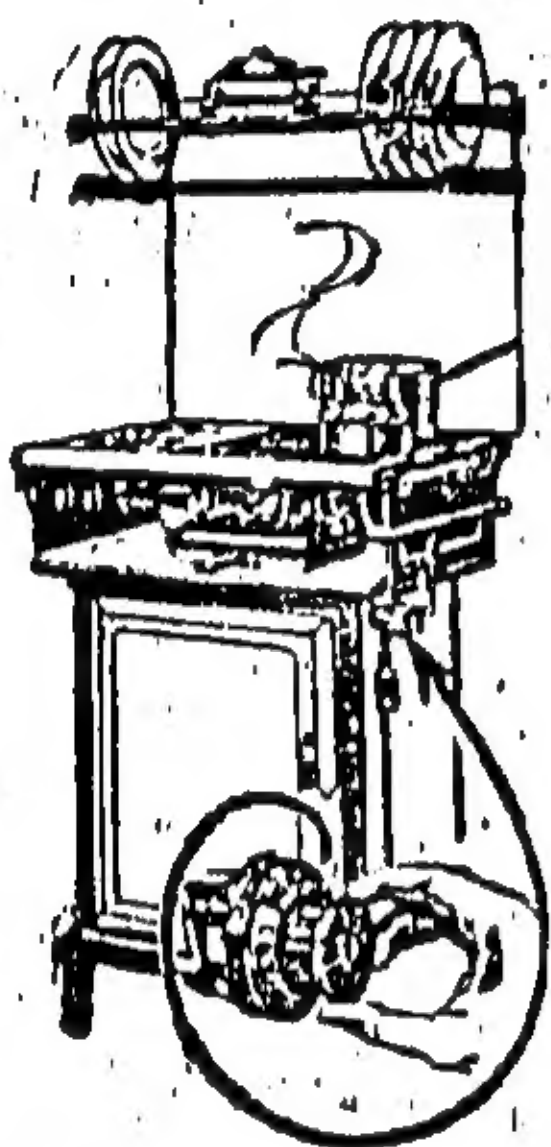
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INTERPORT ROWING.

YACHT CLUB'S CREWS FOR
SATURDAY AFTERNOON.Preparations have practically been
completed for the interport rowing
events which are to take place on
Saturday at the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club.There will be three interport events
altogether, including the senior
pairs, senior fours and junior fours.
The inter-club senior fours race for
the Stock Exchange Challenge Cup
will start at 2.15 p.m. over a course
of one mile. The inter-club junior
fours for the Hynes Challenge Cup
over the same distance will start at
3.30 p.m. The junior pairs race for
the Murdoch-Kennett Challenge Cup
over a course of three quarters of a
mile, will start at 4.15 p.m.The crews which are to represent
Canton have already been announced
and the crews representing the Yacht
Club are as follows:Senior fours: Bow, A. H. Clam-
pers (152 lbs.), No. 2, J. A. E. Kendrew
(154 lbs.), No. 3, R. Schmidt (157
lbs.), Stroke H. Deyle (154 lbs.) with
F. Lestley (126 lbs.) as cox.Senior pairs: Bow, R. Schmidt,
stroke H. Deyle with F. Lestley as
cox.Junior fours: Bow, W. J. Purvis
(167 lbs.), No. 2, J. A. E. Kendrew
(167 lbs.), No. 3, P. Padgett (175
lbs.), stroke E. Hainsworth (156 lbs.)
with E. W. Schramm (140 lbs.) as
cox.The senior fours crew has been
entirely changed from the one which
represented the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club in Canton during the last
interport but the senior pairs remain
unaltered. In the junior fours, Hain-
sworth who only recently arrived
from Home, has been given the position
of stroke with Padgett, and
Kendrew retaining their old positions
at 3 and 2 respectively. Purvis has
been placed at Bow.Both the Canton senior pairs and
the Hongkong senior pairs have
been selected from the Senior fours
crews. The Hongkong crews have
shown good form in practice and some
good races are expected.It is interesting to note that the
Canton crews will make their first
appearance in local waters after a
break of nine years.On Saturday evening the visitors
from Canton will be entertained to a
dinner at the Lane Crawford's Restau-
rant. This function is open to all
members of the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club and should be well attend-
ed.

LOCAL RUGBY.

CLUB SCORE EASY VICTORY
OVER NAVAL TEAM.The Hongkong Rugby fifteen played
their last match of the season against
a team from H.M.S. Cornwall at
Happy Valley yesterday afternoon,
the civilians scoring an easy victory
by 21 points (three goals and two
tries) against 3 (one try).The civilians played better to-
gether than their opponents and
showed accuracy in their passing.
They took up the attack early in the
game, and never slackened. With a
well-coordinated rush they scored their
first try shortly after the start, but
the kick failed. Soon afterwards
they added further to their score,
registering two goals before the in-
terval, to give them the lead by 13
points to nil.The Cornwall team, who were much
heavier than the Club players, lacked
their opponents' accuracy in passing,
but within a minute of the resump-
tion their forwards found an opening
and scored their first points, an un-
converted try.The Club again took up the off-
ensive and through some skillful passing
replied with a try, which was left
unconverted. A short time before
the final whistle went the civilians
scored a goal, to give them a win by
21 points to three.

DEMPSEY TO RETURN?

PREDICTION OF AMERICAN
SPORTS WRITERS.New York, Apr. 17.
The sports editors of the American
newspapers predict that Jack Demp-
sey will enter the prize ring again to
win the world's heavyweight title.This prediction apparently is based
on the fact that the ex-champion has
resumed active training.The latest gossip mentions Max
Schmeling, of Germany, as Dempsey's
probable antagonist, which will give
the fight the desirable international
flavour.—Reuter's American Service.

FANLING GOLF.

THE ADAMSON CUP.

For the Adamson Cup (April),
T. W. Carr qualified with a score
of 69 (93-24). Other scores
were:F. E. Booker 87-16=71
S. Stacey 96-24=72
R. F. Clark 87-23=74
A. J. W. Darling 90-16=74
There were seven entries.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL.

Before a big crowd of football
enthusiasts at King's Park, an in-
teresting match was played be-
tween a Hongkong European team
and Kowloon College yesterday
afternoon and resulted in an easy
win for the latter by 7 goals to 1.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

select choir of Trappist monks on
April 1st, 1927.In his 'Chant du Fou,' Newman
says Krazmaly has made music,
for the first time, four-dimen-
sional; no note means just what
it purports to mean, but some-
thing quite different; and to
piece to the true meaning of it
all, the notes have to be seen in
their correct focus—which of
course means an adjustment of the
"lens" of the ear of which few
people are as yet capable. "It
was this revolutionary work that
led to that disgraceful exhibition
of hooliganism at the last Festival
(in Ljubljana) of the International
Society for Contemporary Music."The hostile reception of this
masterpiece broke his heart. He
lunged himself sobbing on my
shoulder. "Trzbski! Trzbski!
"Oh, my God!" he wailed in his
soft native Icelandic. Newman's
suggestion that this great work be
broadened at an early date is said
to be backed strongly by the
manufacturers of wireless receiv-
ing sets. After all this nonsense
(and there is a good deal more of
it) our critic has to get in a "dig"at English musical taste. He says
he has no fear for Krazmaly in
England, for we know how to
honour great musicians. "Has
not the gifted composer of 'Sleep
Baby, Sleep,' recently received a
knighthood, while even the pro-
ducer of relative triffles like 'Sea
Drift,' 'Paris' and 'The Mass' of
Life' has been awarded the lesser
distinction of a Companionship of
Honour?" From the latter it is
evident that he does not appre-
ciate Delius, who is slowly coming
into his own and has for the last
few seasons been among the
somewhat select list of modern
composers patronised by the Phil-
harmonic Society.Although Covent Garden is not
exactly an ideal opera house, on
the whole the news that its lease
is to be renewed for two years
will be welcome to opera-lovers.
This means there will be four
more seasons there and, as
Musical Opinion points out, every
month of delay in demolishing the
house strengthens the chances of
someone (Sir Thomas Beecham,
for choice) erecting a theatre to
replace it. Subscriptions are
coming in well for the new season
and a very imposing list of singers
is advertised which however con-
sists mostly of foreign artists.Much is written from time to
time regarding the severity of
musical criticisms. Here is an
example of a man saying what he
thinks—it is a comment on a
Stockholm concert under Talich,
made in Musical Opinion:"I am constitutionally incapable
of liking the (Beethoven) Ninth
Symphony with its dreary slow
movement and vulgar 'joy' theme.
'The Scherzo is the best part so
far as I am concerned. Such a
drastic criticism of mine cannot
affect Beethoven, or anyone else.
It is my misfortune not to like
the music, that is all. I wish I could
.....'The orchestra was very
efficient, but seemed lacking in
elasticity and acceleration. The
chorus was poor and insufficient.
I thought. The soloists were so-
so: the baritone far the best. Of
the conductor, I can only say he
seemed capable, and was a good
actor. He appeared overcome
and staggered at the end of the
work, in the approved platform
manner...."The same critic visited an organ
recital at the Town Hall: "The
organ appears to be one of those
which takes for their motto, 'Little
organs should be heard and not
seen.' I didn't think much of it
and it was out of tune. The pro-
gramme was awful...."It is very true that a criticism
not only reflects the writers'
personal views but the state of
his liver during the concert or at
the time he wrote about it!

MARINE COURT.

Sitting as Marine Magistrate
this morning, Commr. J. B.
Nevill, D.S.O., R.N., had two cases
before him, the defendants in both
being charged with making fast
outside of five others alongside
two vessels lying in harbour.Kwok Lo, the mistress of a
cargo boat, brought up for making
fast to the s.s. Hsin Foo Sing, said
she was discharging cargo when
she was arrested and declared
that she had not been there long.
The prosecuting officer, Sgt. Gold-
smith, however, said he passed
defendant's craft twice, the first
time being about an hour before
the other, and seeing that defend-
ant had not moved away during
that time, he arrested her. De-
fendant was fined \$5.The master of a cargo boat had
nothing to say when he appeared
on the charge of making fast out-
side of five others alongside the
s.s. Botnia, and was fined \$5.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON.

INTERESTING FUNCTION AT
CANTON.Canton, Apr. 17.
Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commis-
sioner for Foreign Affairs to the
Provincial Government of Kwang
tung, gave a small luncheon to-day
to Monsieur A. Danjou, Consul for
France, who is proceeding on Home
leave on Friday next.At the luncheon, which was held
in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
there were present besides Mr. Chu
Chao-hsin and Monsieur Danjou,
Mr. Y. Leung, Secretary to Mr. Chu
Chao-hsin; Monsieur Eynard, the
new French Consul in Canton;
Monsieur de Franceville, Vice-
Consul for France; Monsieur
Duchateau, Manager of the Banque
de l'Indo-Chine; Lieutenant Laurin,
Commandant le Detachement de
Canton de l'Infanterie Coloniale;
Monsieur L. Henry, Postal Com-
missioner of Kwangtung; and
several other members of the
French community in Canton.—
Our Own Correspondent.GAMBLER GETS HEAD
BROKEN.LIGHTER FINE GIVEN AS A
CONSEQUENCE.A little dispute which followed
a run of luck at a gambling game
on the Taiping wharf yesterday
led to the appearance in the Police
Court this morning of two Chinese,
one with his head heavily bandaged
and the skin on his back slightly
abraded.The injured man apparently has
appeared in the Court before,
owing to his quarrelsome disposi-
tion, and was fined \$5 or 10 days'
imprisonment, while the other de-
fendant was fined \$3 or four days
in gaol.The bandaged man was peevish
at this and remonstrated, but Mr.
Hamilton said to him:—"Go away!
If your head had not been smash-
ed, the sentence would have been
much heavier."L.C.C. BANS £250,000
SUPER-CINEMA.TO SAVE 15 HOUSES FROM
DEMOLITION.An application made to the
L.C.C. Theatre and Music Halls
Committee for music and dancing
and cinematograph licenses on
behalf of the St. George's Theatre,
Southwark, has been refused.
Opposition from Southwark
Council, was based on the grounds
that the plans showed that to con-
struct the cinema 15 dwelling-
houses, accommodating 199 per-FLOATING OPIUM
DIVAN.OLD WOMAN READY TO
PAY FINE.An old Chinese woman and her
fokl were charged at the Police
Court this morning with illegally
conducting a floating opium-smok-
ing divan, the prosecution stating
that her sump was used as a
divan by the fishing junks.The Magistrate dismissed the
charge against the fokl and ques-
tioned the old woman."You are a very old woman," he
said, "and I do not want to send
you to gaol. Can you pay a fine?"
he asked.The old woman's face lit up and
she smilingly replied:—"Of course
I can.""All right," said the Magistrate,
"pay \$25 or go to gaol for a month.
Next time I will confiscate your
sump."

ELECTRIC PLANT.

BIGGEST CASH DEAL
EAST OF SUEZ.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

What is believed to be one of
the biggest if not the biggest cash
deals ever made East of Suez, was
completed to-day by the ratepayers
of the Shanghai International Set-
tlement agreeing to accept the
offer of the American and Foreign
Power Company of \$10,000,000 for
Shanghai's electricity department,
with plant and assets as a going
concern.The purchasing company is a
subsidiary of the Electric Bond
and Share Company which
operates in thirty-one states of
the United States and seventeen
foreign countries and whose assets
are officially stated to be \$31,075,-
000,000. Associated in the deal is
the British group, including Mr. F.
Dudley Docker, Director of the
Midland Bank, Ltd., etc., Sir Harry
Cassie Holden, Lazarus Brothers,
the Whitehall Electric Invest-
ments, Ltd., and the Whitehall
Trust, Ltd.—Reuter.sons, would be pulled down, that
Southwark was severely over-
crowded, and that the construc-
tion of a large cinema would
affect traffic at the Elephant and
Castle.Mr. Cecil Whiteley, for the ap-
plicants, said that the proposed
cinema would be one of the finest
in the country and cost £250,000.
The Mayor (Mr. Thomas Hec-
kitt), for the objectors, said that
it would be a shame to pull down
15 well-conditioned houses, as
housing conditions in Southwark
were appalling. He knew many
cases of six, seven and even eight
people living in one room.

CHICKENS AND COAL.

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR
THEFT.A Chinese was charged this
morning before Major C. Willson,
with the theft of four chickens
and also with selling two sacks
of coal, the property of the first
guard of s.s. Fuk On.Evidence showed that the house-
boy of the complainant met the
cookee at the wharf on 1st April,
and engaged him to take two
sacks of coal and four chickens to
the Indian guard's house at
No. 32 Tang Lung Street. The
defendant failed to do so and was
not seen again until on the 13th
inst., when the houseboy met him
in Western Market and accused
him of the theft. The defendant
begged to be spared, as he had
sold the two sacks of coal, and he
offered to make restitution when
able. As to the chickens, he
excused himself by saying they
have been stolen from him. He
was then taken on board the s.s.
Fuk On to wait for his master,
but, as soon as opportunity offered,
he jumped from the steamer to
the wharf and was arrested by a
constable, after a chase, in
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THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

RUTH LESTER, pretty private secretary to "HANDSOME HARRY" BORDEN, promoter of dubious stock companies, became engaged to JACK HAYWARD, young insurance broker, whose office is just across the narrow alleyway from Borden's. On a Saturday morning in January, the promoter has two women callers: RITA DUBOIS, night club dancer, who is to accompany him to Winter Haven for the week-end, and his estranged wife and mother of his two children, who comes for her monthly allowance. When MRS. BORDEN leaves her husband in a taxi, she agrees to return, but before leaving she tells the plot to Ruth's desk. Jack, fearing trouble with hold-up men, has bought two identical weapons and gives Ruth one.

While Ruth takes dictation Borden makes a playful pass at her and she screams a protest which Jack hears. He is furious.

When on Monday morning she finds the body of Borden sprawled on the floor near the window, Ruth reviews Jack's strange behaviour. She runs to his office and finding him out, looks frantically in his desk for his gun. It is gone! Jack comes in, tells the police, forcing Jack to confess. He admits that the \$500 in cash which Ruth admits getting for Borden for his week-end trip is gone. McManis questions Ruth, but she has no answer to Jack and with a horrible fear that almost another day, she begins her story of Saturday's happenings.

CHAPTER IX.

Ruth pressed her fingers to her temples. In a mighty effort to remember clearly the features of the old man who had threatened Borden's life on Saturday. When she had talked with him her mind had not been upon him or his threats, but upon that first disturbing evidence of Borden's interest in her as a girl, not as a competent private secretary.

"He was old—about 60, I think," she told the detective slowly. "He was wearing a shabby black overcoat with a velvet collar, which had flakes of dandruff on it. I remember, for I felt sorry for him, he looked so helpless. I can't tell what colour his eyes were, but he had on old-fashioned steel-rimmed spectacles. His hair, sort of long, I think, was grey, and his face thin and hollow. He seemed tall, but I'm so short that nearly everyone seems tall to me," she confessed.

"I can't really remember what he said, for he was muttering most of the time, but he did make threats of 'getting even.' Said he'd teach 'that crook' a lesson, bring him to his knees—things like that. I don't really remember, for I was trying to soothe him and get rid of him. I had a lot of work to do, and I knew it was all so hopeless, that Mr. Borden wouldn't see him or make any restitution."

McManis, who had been jotting down her description of the defrauded old man, scowled and then told her to go on with her story. "Before writing the letter I went to the bank and to the station to get Mr. Borden's tickets for Winter Haven. After I returned and gave the money and tickets to Mr. Borden, Benny told me that Mrs. Borden had called on the phone to say she was coming in. She and Mr. Borden were not living together."

"I know, legal separation, with court allowance for her and the children. About five years ago," McManis interpolated. "What did she come to see him for?" "To get her separation allowance," Ruth answered reluctantly. "Mr. Borden had been ordered by the court to pay her each month on the fifteenth, and he made her come for it in person. To—get news of the children, I suppose," she added, in a futile attempt to gloss over the dead man's malicious cruelty to his wife.

"Well? Did she come?" McManis asked, busily taking notes. "Later," Ruth answered, flushing. "But before Mrs. Borden arrived Mr. Borden had another caller—Miss Dubois, Rita Dubois."

"Oh!" McManis whistled, raising his thick eyebrows. "The dancer from the Golden Slipper, eh?" "Yes, Mr. Borden saw her there—two or three weeks ago and—liked her."

"So the other ticket and the drawing-room were for Rita Dubois?" McManis deduced triumphantly. "Rand, get headquarters on the line again—or say, have the central telephone office tie up one of these lines for headquarters calls. Tell the chief to have Rita Dubois brought here as soon as she can be found. What's her telephone number, Miss Lester? I suppose you know it. If she and Borden were friendly."

"Got that, Rand? All right, Miss Lester. Did Rita and Borden quarrel? Exactly what happened?" Jack Hayward sat down on the edge of Ruth's desk and laid one of his hands upon her clenched, icy little fist. She looked at him gratefully, her eyes brimming with love, before she went on: "No, they didn't quarrel. They seemed very happy. I could hear them laughing, although the door was closed, while they were in—there," and Ruth jerked her head toward the private office which was a temporary morrow for the man who had laughed and loved on Saturday.

"Mrs. Borden came while Miss Dubois was with Mr. Borden and I told her he was—in conference, and she made an appointment to come back between half-past one and two. Mr. Borden had told me he would be in his office until about two till 2:15 and he planned to lunch on the dinner."

"With Rita Dubois?" McManis shot at her. "He did not tell me who was to go with him," Ruth answered truthfully. "And Miss Dubois did not take me into her confidence either. I do know, however, that he planned to take a woman, for he had me wire for reservations at the Winter Haven Hotel, in the name of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Benton. The drawing-room reservation was made in that name also."

"All right!" McManis made a note. "What next? When did Rita leave?"

"Shortly after Mrs. Borden—about five minutes," Ruth answered. McManis's constant interruptions and questions had shunted her off the subject of Mr. Borden, but she was not sorry that there was no opportunity now to tell him of the poor, discarded wife's jealousy and humiliation—a humiliation so keen that she had become ill. Why tell McManis now about Mrs. Borden's having seen the automatic pistol in the bottom drawer of the desk? Time enough to tell if it should become necessary.

McManis turned again to the policeman who sat at the telephone, an extension of which was on the absent office boy's desk. "Get the chief again, Rand." As he waited for the connection, the detective turned to Ruth with another question: "Hear or see anything between Borden and Rita when she was leaving?"

Ruth knit her brows, and Jack Hayward pressed her hands hard. His eyes were filled with compassion as he was forced to stand by while she went through this ordeal.

"Mr. Borden and Miss Dubois came out of the private office together, laughing and talking. Miss Dubois said something about shopping. Said she could do more shopping in two hours than most women could do in a day. And jokingly told him not to call up the stores and limit the charge accounts he was opening for her."

"And what did Borden say?" McManis demanded, his pencil busy. "Glad-dying him, eh?" "He answered something which I didn't understand about her keeping her bargain and he'd keep his. He said, 'Mind you don't double-cross me, Rita—or words to that effect. But he was in great good humour, and waved goodbye to her.'"

"Just a minute," McManis interrupted, and reached for the phone extension on Ruth's desk. "Hello, chief. McManis... Yes. Oh, sure! Robbery or a passion crime, I don't know which yet. Might even be revenge. Too many leads, if you ask me. Say, chief, send Clay out to get Mrs. Borden—Wait! I'll get the address."

Ruth supplied it, from memory: "Mrs. Elizabeth Borden, 3618 Crescent boulevard." Her lips felt dry and stiff as she uttered the words. After all, Mrs. Borden was Borden's wife—or rather, his widow! And she loved him. It had been so painfully obvious to Ruth on Saturday, when the wife had been forced to listen to the ribald laughter of her husband and his new love, that the wife did love him, was jealous. "That's right, chief. Tell Clay not to spill the beans, see? Just tell her she's wanted at her husband's office, see? Yes! Plenty!"

"Dr. Nielson's just leaving? Good! Say, chief, guess who Borden's private secretary was? Colby Lester's little daughter! Fact!... Sure I'll show her every consideration. No man could help it—"

Jack Hayward leaned close to whisper to Ruth, the first smile of that dreadful morning twinkling in his eyes. "Better get out your spectacles, darling!" McManis continued his telephone conversation with the chief of police. "And say, chief, have Ferber come right over with his camera. Yes, I've got this wire plugged up with headquarters until further notice, but there's another line, Rand will take all calls coming in on it; may get some tips that way. Send me over two or three plainclothes men, won't you? And right!"

He hung up the receiver and turned to Ruth again, dismissing to her vast relief, both Mrs. Borden and Rita Dubois, with his question: "Now, Miss Lester, what other visitors did Borden have Saturday morning and when did you leave the office?"

Ruth considered. "No one else—oh, I'm forgetting Mr. Adams. He's one of the stock salesmen. Mr. Borden had asked him to come in on Saturday to go over his sales re-

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MACAO EXTRADITION.

WILSON TO BE SENT BACK TO MANILA.

Macao, Apr. 17. The Government has decided against Wilson in the extradition proceedings, upholding the Judge's opinion and overruling the petition presented to the Council by Wilson's lawyer, Mr. Jorge.

The date of Wilson's departure is unknown.

ord. Mr. Adams had been in a "quarrel?" McManis tapped impatiently with his pencil. "I didn't hear any quarrel, but Mr. Adams looked rather exasperated when he came out of Mr. Borden's office."

Ruth was interrupted by Patrolman Biggers, who had been stationed outside the door in the hall. "Lady here wants to see Mr. Borden," he announced to McManis, winking broadly. "Says she's his—"

"I am his wife!" a quivering voice cut short the policeman's explanation. "I want to see my husband! Oh! Has anything happened? Harry? I knew it! Oh, Harry, Harry!"

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The important and energetic work performed by Mr. and Mrs. T. Grimshaw in building up the Quarry Bay community and the Taikoo Club, was emphasised at a large gathering of friends and well-wishers, who assembled in the dance hall of the Taikoo Club yesterday evening to witness presentations which were made to Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw, who are leaving the Colony on Saturday, by the a.s. Karmala on Saturday.

By the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw, a connexion with Hongkong of between 30 and 40 years will be severed. Glowing tributes were paid to the work they have done, and each was the recipient of a gold watch and a suit case. Mr. Grimshaw recalled early incidents of his life, when there were no trams, no electric lights, few rich men, and kerosene lamps were used for illumination.

The watch which was presented to Mrs. Grimshaw bore the inscription, "Presented to Mrs. T. Grimshaw by the ladies of Quarry Bay, Hongkong, on the occasion of her leaving for Home after 31 years' residence. A friend in need is a friend indeed." The inscription on her husband's watch was, "Presented to Mr. Thomas Grimshaw by the staff of the Taikoo Dockyard and Taikoo Refinery, Hongkong, on the occasion of his leaving for Home after 39 years' service."

An interesting feature of the programme was that there were two chairmen, Mr. W. Wotherspoon and Mr. J. Mitchell, the former presiding during the first half and the latter during the second half. This was because both are the next oldest men in the Taikoo service, and the honour of presiding was thus shared.

During the course of the evening, Mr. G. McLeod sang a song for which words had been specially composed for the departing friends, the tune being "Will Ye Nan Come Back Again."

Very Long Service.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. W. Wotherspoon commented on the fact that Mr. Grimshaw had been a resident of Quarry Bay for 39 years while his wife had lived there for 31 years. Mr. Grimshaw had been employed at Taikoo for the whole of that time, being for about 28 years with the Taikoo dockyard staff and for a period of 11 years with the Refinery. Their leaving would mean a blank in the midst of those remaining, but the very best wishes of everyone would go with them in their retirement. Mr. Wotherspoon, on behalf of those present, wished Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw long life, health, and prosperity and expressed the hope that they would be long spared to enjoy their well deserved retirement.

Owing to the absence through illness of Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell, on her behalf, presented Mrs. Grimshaw with a gold wristlet watch. In doing so he said that she was one of the pioneers of Quarry Bay, and 30 years ago her unfailing good nature and kindness had helped very much to make things possible. She had always extended a helping hand and she had made no fewer than 500 pairs of slippers for soldiers during the war. (Applause).

In replying, Mrs. Grimshaw, who was obviously much moved, returned thanks for the gift. She also

COTTON YARN ASSN.

MANCHESTER DECISION FOR
 WINDING UP.

London, Apr. 17.

An informal meeting of Manchester members of the Cotton Yarn Association by 97 to 41 votes has decided to instruct the directors to wind up the Association.

There must, however, be at least two further meetings at which seventy-five per cent of the votes must favour the decision, before the winding up can be accomplished.—*Reuter.*

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thanked them for the kindness they had shown to her.

In presenting a gold watch to Mr. Grimshaw, Mr. K. E. Greig said he had the greatest respect for Mr. Grimshaw, as whatever he had done, both at work and at play, he had done with zeal and skill. He had done his work with entire satisfaction to the company and with credit to himself. He had shown great diligence, ability and integrity. The speaker recalled the good work of both Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw in the early days, with regard to helping the community generally, especially in theatricals. After referring to Mr. Grimshaw's active interest in bowls and shooting, the speaker said he would like to see the young men get together and emulate Mr. Grimshaw's 30 years' work in building a stronger Taikoo Club.

From the time Mr. Grimshaw entered the yard he busied himself in the working of the company and had made a wonderful success. In asking him to accept the watch, Mr. Greig stated he could assure those present that everyone in the Refinery and dockyard had contributed, and it was a gift from the heart. (Applause).

Reminiscences.

In returning thanks, Mr. Grimshaw recalled incidents of his early life at Taikoo. Since he arrived in the Colony, he said, there had been many changes and the Taikoo residents were forced to get together. Quarry Bay was then a long way from the City, there were no trams, few rich men, no electric lights—nothing but kerosene lamps—and the other things that went to make the good old days merry. (Laughter and applause). They were, he continued, tied together for their own protection because they never knew who was going to be sick next.

They had to make their own amusements, he continued. They formed a small club and with the assistance of many people, including Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, they had gradually built Taikoo Club and the community to what it was at the present.

Mr. Grimshaw referred to an old and respected friend, Dr. Obrem-

AMERICA CONCERNED.

GERMAN WARSHIP WHICH
 SETS NEW STANDARD.

New York, Apr. 17.

The new German cruiser, the Erantz Preussen, may necessitate a revision of the Washington Treaty rules governing ship design.

This is stated in a bulletin issued by the United States Navy Department, drawing attention to the performance of the so-called pocket battleship, which it declares has a fighting strength greatly superior to the treaty class of ten thousand ton cruisers.

It points out that the Erantz Preussen will have a fuel capacity for a continuous voyage of ten thousand miles at twenty knots, which is beyond the possibilities of any other vessel afloat. She is faster than any existing battleship, and "it is difficult to see how any vessel except a battle cruiser could deal with her."—*Reuter's American Service.*

RIGHT TO SEARCH.

WOOSUNG COMMANDER AND
 FOREIGN VESSELS.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

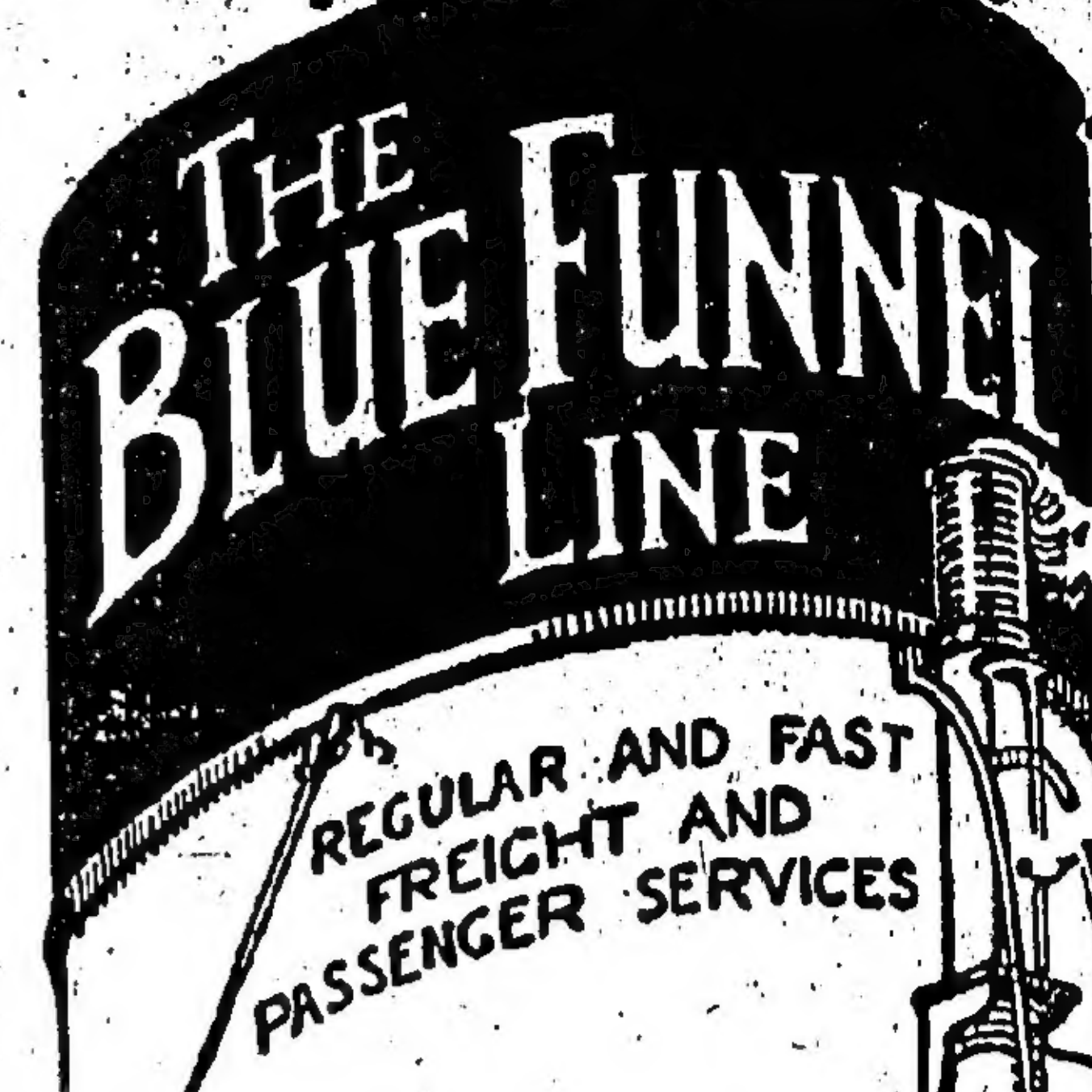
It is understood that the Consular body has wired the Diplomatic Body at Peking requesting the latter to protest to the Foreign Ministry against the demand of the Garrison Commander of Woosung of his right to search all vessels entering Woosung, which, it is alleged, is a violation of the privileges in connexion with navigation granted to the various Powers.—*Reuter.*

ski, who could claim to have arrived five years before him (Mr. Grimshaw) and therefore he was a youngster. (Laughter). Dr. Obrembski's life had been intervened with the community of Quarry Bay, Mr. Grimshaw emphasised what Dr. Obrembski had done for others.

Mr. Grimshaw concluded by thanking the community, the chairman, committee, ladies, and others who had helped to make that night one both he and his wife would never forget. He thanked them for their kindness and the thoughts that had been expressed.

After the interval, a short speech was delivered by Mr. J. Mitchell, who commented that he first met Mr. Grimshaw in Liverpool in November, 1897, and five years afterwards they met again in Quarry Bay, both having married in the meantime. Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw were the first to give the speaker the hand of welcome, which he much appreciated. In wishing them many years of happiness in the Old Country, Mr. Mitchell said that one great blessing would be the comfort and pleasure of having their son, John, often and longer with them than had been the case for the last few years. "We hope you will have a pleasant voyage, and may God bless you both."

During the evening delightful selections of musical items were rendered. Those contributing were Mrs. G. McLeod, Miss M. Russell, Mrs. G. Stewart, Mr. J. Whyte, Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. R. McA. Keown, Mr. W. Johnston and Mr. G. Stewart. The accompanist was Miss McNeill.



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SHANTUNG AREA.

JAPANESE EVACUATION
POSTPONED.

Peking, Apr. 17.

In accordance with instructions from Nanking, Sun Liang-cheng has not entered Tsinan, as arranged yesterday, and has withdrawn his troops to Tsinan and Tsinling.

Disturbed conditions along the Shantung Railway continue, the Japanese residents at Fangtau being subjected to looting during the recent revolt of followers of Hsu Pei-tan.

Japanese civilians in Shantung are moving towards the coast. Three hundred women and children left Tsinan for Tsingtao on April 15, and 150 left Changtien for Tsingtao the same day. It has been arranged for 1,500 more to leave Tsinan on April 18, but possibly the decision for the Japanese withdrawal to be postponed will alter these plans.—*Reuter.*

Nationalists' Request.
Tokyo, Apr. 17.

In a statement on the circumstances necessitating postponement of the evacuation of Shantung, the Foreign Office emphasises that despite the necessity of this complying with the Nationalists' request, it is still hoped to be able to carry out the withdrawal within the two months, originally stipulated under the terms of the Tsinan settlement.

Indicative of the hope that the postponement will be of short duration, the military are understood to have decided to retain three of five vessels chartered for transportation of the troops.—*Reuter.*

Evacuation Necessary.

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

It is learned from a reliable source that the military authorities have decided to inform Mr. Yoshizawa that it is essential to commence the evacuation of Shantung by the end of April at the latest, for the purpose of completing it by May 27, in accordance with the Tsinan agreement.—*Reuter.*

The Tsinan Railway.

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FRANCONIA AGROUND.

DETAILS OF SHANGHAI
MISHAP.

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

The Command liner Franconia, a patrol round-the-world cruiser, was subjected yesterday morning to the vagaries of the notorious Whangpoo currents with disastrous results to her majestic self and to all shipping in her immediate vicinity. Four lives were lost and a man-of-war and a merchant vessel, all calmly at rest, were swept from their buoys and one of the latter with its massive mooring chains was completely entangled with the rudder of the outgoing liner, sending further to proceed with her contract to transport some 600 souls round the world on a sight-seeing expedition.

The Franconia arrived at Woosung on Tuesday morning at daylight and her tourists only arrived in Shanghai by tender. The liner later proceeded to her berth at the China Merchants Lower Wharf.

The Franconia prepared to leave the China Merchants Lower Wharf at 1 a.m. yesterday. She left at this hour—ebb tide—in order to pass the Fairy Flats, which are situated about 50 miles from Shanghai, on the same tide. Two tugs—the St. Dominic and the Saucy—were in attendance and in view of the fact that the Franconia is one of the largest ships ever to enter the harbour, special care was taken in regard to her departure. This part of the river—near the China Merchants Lower Wharf—has evidently silted up lately and owing to the shallow water the ship grounded forward and owing to the silt running at the time the vessel took charge of all the tug power she had left. She swung across the river, her length (518 ft.) precluding her from swinging clear of the vessels at the buoys. However, thanks to the expert handling of the pilot, Capt. S. P. Jorgensen, she cleared the Italian man-of-war Libia after having gone full ahead on her engines but fouled the buoy which was mooring the stern of the Y. K. K. Shunten Maru, with the

consequence that the stern moorings of the Libia parted as well as the moorings of the Shunten Maru.

Damage to the Shunten.

The Shunten Maru was with her rudder swinging to the ebb and prepared herself for the incoming tide which was due in less than three quarters of an hour. The Shunten Maru was eventually removed from the buoy in charge of a pilot and assisted by tugs and brought up to the N. Y. K. Postung Wharf. The Franconia, then being in the most shallow part of the river was secured as well as circumstances allowed with tugs in attendance all the time.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Work having been notified of the occurrence, despatched sheerlegs, gear, and divers, to the scene and work immediately was commenced.

No success was apparent before the afternoon slack water when all precautions had been made to prevent the liner from doing further damage to shipping in securing her where she was. She was successfully released from her critical position—mooring chains and the buoy itself being entangled with the balance rudder of the ship—at 6 p.m.

Pilot's Smart Work.

Shipping men interviewed state that the work carried out by the pilot in extricating the liner from her precarious position was nothing short of miraculous. She was taken away in the nick of time, they said. The ebb was making, ropes and wires had to be slipped—they now lie in the bed of the Whangpoo—and the tugs did commendable work in towing the vessel to the swinging berth at Yangtze Dock where she was successfully swung and owing to surveys being necessary and expedient to her rudder, the vessel was again made fast to the China Merchants Lower Wharf where she spent last night.

When the ship returned to the wharf, the gangways were immediately

lowered and the round-the-world tourists thereby secured another night in Shanghai.

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CHINESE HOUSES.

FORTY-TWO BEING ERRECTED
ON RECLAMATION.

Messrs. Kwong Sang Hong's big factory on the Praya East Reclamation is the first building completed on the new land. Blocks of Chinese houses are nearing completion near Bowring Canal and another important building scheme is now under way, the project being for the erection of 42 Chinese houses, each of four storeys opposite Brunner Mond's old godowns. As a preliminary, the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. are driving into the reclaimed ground over 300 piles on the "Franklin" system, and immediately this has been done, construction of the buildings will commence.

This block of buildings is being constructed to the order of the Pun Tah Land Investment Co., Mr. H. M. Siu having prepared the plans for modern shops and houses.

The completed structures will cost an amount which will run well into six figures, it is stated. The cost of the piling alone amounts to \$28,000. Each of the 207 piles which are now being driven into the reclaimed land, will be between 25 and 30 feet in length, sufficient to brace up buildings of two or three times the magnitude of those contemplated.

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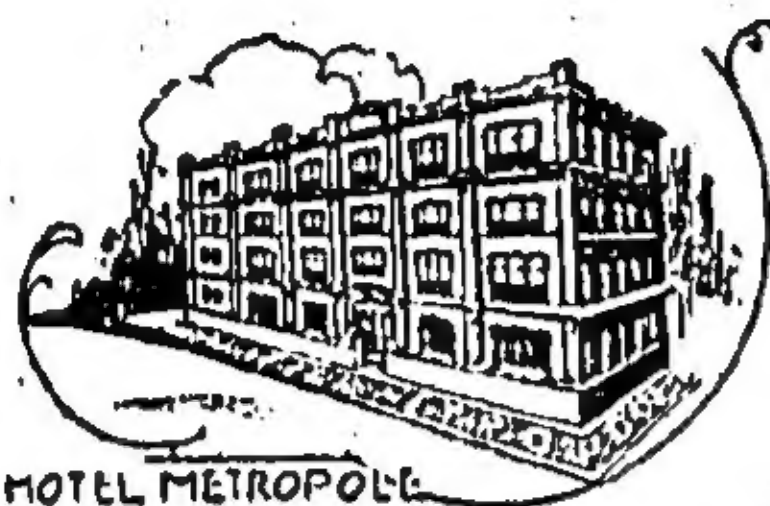
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LITVINOFF SETS A POSER.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
EMBARRASSED.

HASTILY ADJOURNS.

Geneva, Apr. 17.
An acute stage has been reached at the Disarmament Conference in the discussion of whether the Soviet proposals should be discussed instead of the Preparatory Disarmament Committee's own draft Convention adopted in 1927. M. Litvinoff yesterday argued that security could be obtainable by disarmament and asked for an unequivocal reply as to whether his draft was acceptable or not.

The chairman, London, said that Litvinoff could submit amendments to the 1927 draft. M. Litvinoff then insisted that a vote be taken on the pivot of the Soviet draft, namely, the principle of reduction and not limitation of armaments, secondly, the principle of proportional reduction, and thirdly, the principle of the co-efficients of armed forces.

He declared that if the Committee rejected these three principles, the Soviet draft Convention would fall through. The Committee were then placed in an embarrassing position and the session was adjourned to enable the delegates to consider the extraordinary situation.

The silence of Lord Cushendun and of Mr. Hugh Gibson caused some surprise.—*Reuter.*

Geneva, Apr. 17.
Before the Disarmament Committee, Tewfik Roshdi Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, urged an examination of the Turkish plan for disarmament, on the basis of equality with other schemes.

M. Litvinoff then outlined the Soviet disarmament scheme, providing, *inter alia*, for abolition of bombing aeroplanes and dirigibles, and destruction of all bombs which can be dropped from the air, the manufacture of which to be prohibited. It also provides for prohibition of chemical warfare and destruction of poison gas factories.

Viscount Sata was of opinion that the Soviet scheme went beyond the framework of the Committee.

Count Bernstorff urged the Committee to take account of the useful Russian suggestions. M. Massigni (France) contended that the Soviet plan was impracticable.—*Reuter.*

Later.
It is learned that the Soviet disarmament proposals also provide for the complete abolition of tanks and heavy artillery, for the suppression of aircraft-carriers, for the gradual replacement of battleships by vessels not exceeding 10,000 tons within a period of 13 years, and for the limitation of tonnage and number of submarines.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN TARIFF REVISION.

CHANGES MAINLY UPWARD
AND AGRICULTURAL.

New York, Apr. 17.
The Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald-Tribune* says that it is reported among the leaders of the House of Representatives that only about fifteen per cent. of the rates under the old Fordney-Cumber Tariff will be readjusted by the new Smoot-Hawley Bill.

The changes which are to be made in the tariff are mainly upward revision of agricultural items.

President Hoover's message expressed agreement with the Congressional leaders' views that the session should be limited to the consideration of farm relief measures and changes in tariff rates. The exceptions hereto include the enactment of bills for the taking of a decennial census and the reapportionment of the House of Representatives.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LASHES SENTENCE ON WHITE FARMER.

MR. JUSTICE SOLOMON WILL
NOT INTERFERE.

Pretoria, Apr. 17.
Mr. Justice Solomon refused the application, made on behalf of Nofse, for a further review of the sentence of ten lashes passed recently.

The flogging penalty is still suspended, however, as it is understood that a further appeal against this part of the sentence is to be made in the Appellate Division at Bloemfontein. The appeal will be subject to the approval of the Supreme Court for further delay of the flogging which was to take place to-night.—*Reuter.*

IMPORTANT HOME SOCCER.

BURY AND CARDIFF IN THE
DOLDRUMS.

POMPEY NEARLY SAFE.

London, Apr. 17.
Several postponed League games were played in England and Scotland yesterday, one or two having a bearing on the promotion and relegation struggles. Portsmouth effected a useful performance in going to Liverpool and sharing the points, while the Villa were upset at Bolton. The bottom of the First Division now reads:

Sheffield Un. . . 39 12 11 16 76 81 35
Portsmouth . . . 39 15 4 20 53 76 34
Burnley . . . 38 14 5 19 73 87 33
Bury . . . 38 12 6 20 53 87 30
Cardiff . . . 40 8 11 21 41 67 27

The first list of results as enabled by Reuter is as follows:

First Division.

Liverpool 0 Portsmouth 0
Bolton 3 Aston Villa 1

Second Division.

Chelsea 2 West Brom. 5

Division III (South).

Charlton 0 Fulham 0
Exeter 4 Brighton 1

Division III (North).

Crewe Alex. 3 Rotherham 0
St. Shields 2 Barrow 2

Scottish League.

Celtic 1 Queen's Park 2
Motherwell 2 Rangers 4

LABOUR BOMBSHELL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

would hold themselves open to repudiate the conditions of the Balfour Note, did the Government think the present conditions in regard to international debt and reparations were likely to be permanent?

Surprised at Attitude.
Was there any man who thought the debt agreements which had been made were going to remain in force without a change, without modification, for the next sixty years?

An Expert Committee were sitting in Paris, and he contended they were just as much concerned with the question of reparations as the Government.

Paris Reparations Conference.

German Delegate Tenders His Latest Offer.

WIDE DIVERGENCE.

Paris, Apr. 17.

It is learned that Dr. Schacht, the head of the German delegation, has presented counter-proposals to the Reparations Conference, which are to be discussed to-morrow.

The figures agreed upon by the Allies and those suggested by Germany have been kept secret, but it is believed that the creditor nations have proposed fifty-eight yearly payments of Gold Marks 2,200,000,000, whereas Dr. Schacht is suggesting 37 yearly payments of between Marks 1,600,000,000 and Marks 1,700,000,000.—*Reuter.*

ed with the question of Inter-Allied debts as with the question of reparations.

He made his statement last night on the spur of the moment. It was not a considered statement at all, but if he had had time to prepare a statement he did not think he could have improved on that which he had made.

Perfectly Absurd.

Was it not a common practice, almost a daily practice, of the Foreign Office to enter into communication with foreign Governments regarding the revision and the amendment of treaties which had been found to inflict hardship, and was this practice of denouncing treaties altogether unknown?

It was perfectly absurd to say that an agreement entered into by one Government should be binding on a future Government to accept, and never to say that by negotiations it could not be changed.

That was what he meant when he said that if circumstances arose when the Labour Party was in office and the question of the amendment or revision of Allied debts arose, then they would consider themselves free to enter into negotiations to revise and alter the Balfour Note.

Both Sir Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Winston Churchill en-
titled to consider the

CHIANG AND FENG AT VARIANCE?

CURIOUS HAPPENINGS IN
SHANTUNG.

FENG OBEYS ORDERS.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.
The unexpected suspension of the evacuation of Japanese troops from Shantung has given rise to many rumours regarding Feng and Chiang Kai-shek.

All arrangements had been completed, it is said, for Kuomintang forces to take over Tsinanfu from the Japanese to-morrow, April 18th, but yesterday morning an order came through from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Hankow prohibiting the occupation, adding that the procedure had not been formally sanctioned by the Central Government.

General Ho Ying-ching informed the Nanking Ministry of War, which is really under Marshal Feng's administration, that all movements of the Kuomintang should be stopped for the time being.

The order has apparently been complied with and the 22nd Nationalist Division, under Feng Yu-hsiang, which had arrived at Tsinanfu ready to take over from the Japanese, evacuated and returned to Tsinan. The 22nd Division is under Chiang Kai-shek. In like manner other troops of Feng Yu-hsiang at other cities have withdrawn.

The public is most apprehensive regarding a report that while to occupy Shantung, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has given instructions to General Feng Chen-wu to move Nanking troops on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to occupy Tsinanfu.

There is some mystery in connection with Chiang's sudden order yesterday which needs a lot of explanation.

AMERICAN CABINET DISPUTE.

MR. MELLON'S RETENTION OF
OFFICE UPHELD.

Washington, Apr. 17.
The Judiciary Committee of the Senate which has been enquiring into the legality of Mr. Mellon's continuance in office as Secretary to the Treasury, has decided that Mr. Mellon might continue in office in Mr. Hoover's Cabinet without re-nomination.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later.

It appears that the Judiciary Committee had adjourned until Friday in consideration of the question whether Mr. Mellon's business connections bar him from holding a seat in the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

P. & O. DIVIDEND.

INTERIM PAYMENT OF FIVE
PER CENT.

London, Apr. 17.

The P. and O. Company have declared an interim dividend up to March 31st on the deferred shares of five per cent. tax free.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Snowden's "reckless remarks," Sir Austen urging Mr. MacDonald to tell the world that whatever Party was in office, England would keep her word.

Liberal Attitude.

Mr. Runciman declared that the Liberals would not depart from international contracts made by the Government of the day.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald rose in reply, and supported Mr. Snowden. He said that agreements made were obviously not sacred against revision, but as long as he led the Labour Party there would be no repudiation.

He described the settlement with the United States as bad financially and politically, but until it was changed by mutual consent, they would pay every farthing.

There was nothing in Mr. Snowden's statement to suggest that the consent of the Allies would not be sought before debt settlements were revised.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

Fatuous Sentimentality.

Mr. MacDonald explained that all that Mr. Snowden had in mind was whether the Balfour Note when considered as a business proposition and not as a demonstration and a fatuous sentimentality, was inimical to Britain. They were entitled to consider that.

Mr. MacDonald reiterated Labour's determination to adopt a generous attitude in the matter of inter-Allied debts as part of the general settlement of reparations. He then went on to discuss the Budget.—*Reuter.*

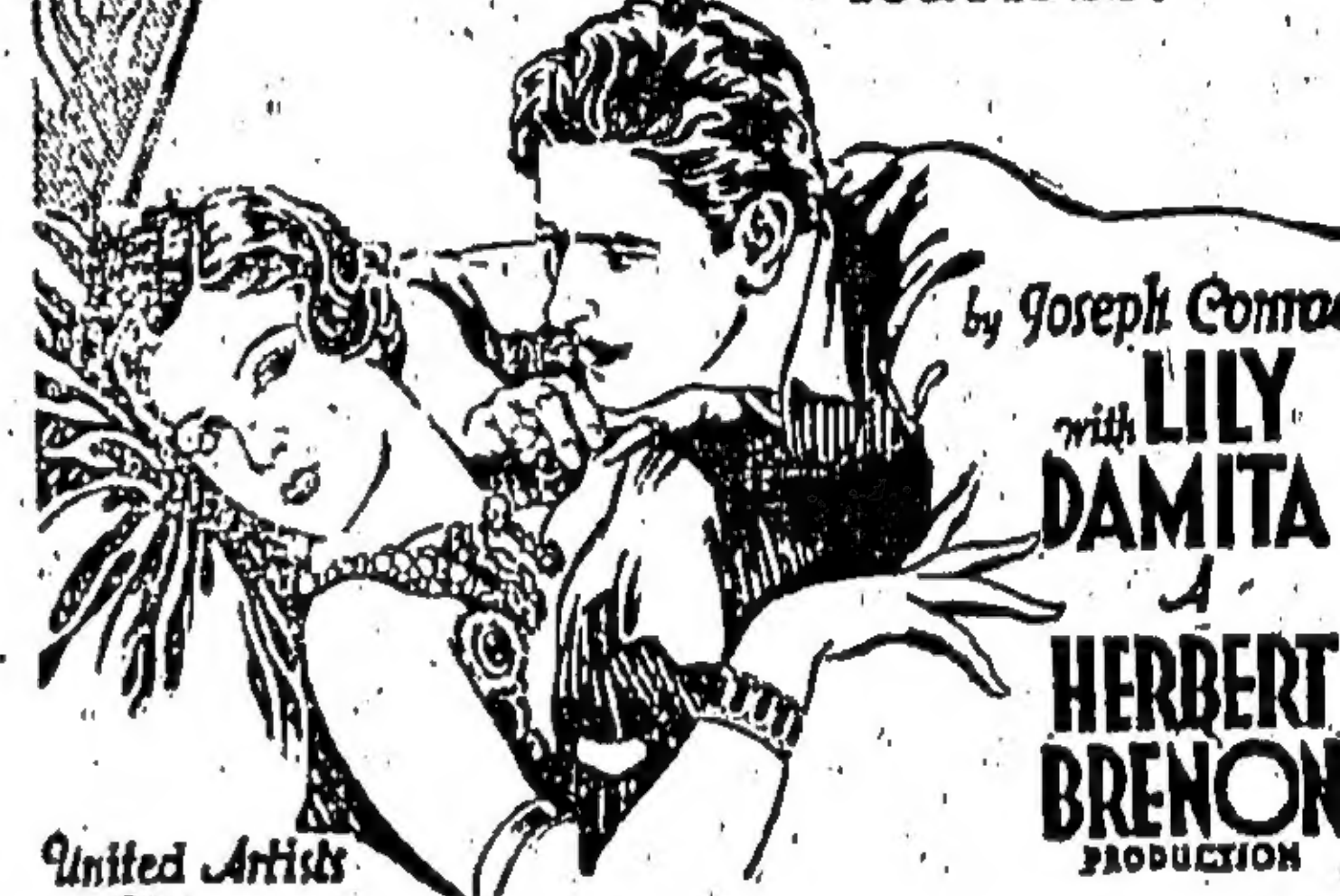
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